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Sat 1800 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 7290 1566 1368
[7290 pre-empted for maintenance this week, but MW?]
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** ALASKA. Summer A-11 of KNLS The New Life Station
English
1000-1100 on 11870 NLS 100 kW / 270 deg to EaAs
1200-1300 on 11870 NLS 100 kW / 270 deg to EaAs
1500-1600 on 9920 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs

Mandarin
0900-1000 on 9655 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs
1100-1200 on 9920 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs
1300-1400 on 9920 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs
1400-1500 on 7355 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs

Russian
0800-0900 on 9655 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg to EaAs
1600-1800 on 9655 NLS 100 kW / 315 deg to CeAs
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD)

** ANGOLA. 4950, R. Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos. May 27 2203-2205, 2208-2219 male in Portuguese talks ìR. Nacional de Angolaî, music selections. Abrupt signal break from 2205 to 2208, low modulation, 25322 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA [and non]. 15476, LRA36 is back May 26 after 2.5 days off for National Day. Started monitoring at 1230 but nothing yet. With usual BFO set to 15475 by zero-beating on 9475 R. Australia, heard very weak carrier cut on 15476 at *1235:40, S4-S5 about equivalent to the noise level. 1241 still too weak for any audio. 1258 now S7-S8 and some audio; 1319 S7-S9+10 with music, 1323 XYLs chattering, so today it`s peaking later than before.

But from 1330, more ACI than usual from 15480 which is much stronger today, Polish Radio in Belorussian, 250 kW, 80 degrees via Rampisham UK, quite a jump in signal level from the previous semihour, PRES in Russian, 125 kW, 75 degrees via Woofferton UK.

At 1356 and 1405, S7-S9 with music, but still below 15480 QRM which lasts until 1430.

15476, LRA36, Friday May 27 did not tune in until 1247 but no signal, just China on 15480, so proceeded to scan for Firedrake [see CHINA], which takes a good 10 minutes before most of them cut off at hourtop. Recheck at 1258, 15476 is now on at S8-S9+5 with talk, 1300 music with a beat, but just too weak. At 1316 XYL talk has improved to S9-S9+10 but cuts off at 1320* and not heard any more, such as at 1346 or after 1400.

While I was listening with BFO on 15475 for LRA36 to turn back on, at 1329 there may have been a couple of fitful attempts to do so, after some utility QRM heard at 1327 consisting of three beeps and a Bronx cheer, twice in a row, exact frequency undetermined.

If you want to go where it should be easy to hear LRA36, try its antipodes, 63 north/123 east, west of Yakutsk in the middle of Siberia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476, Antarctica, RN Arc·ngel, San Gabriel. May 25 at 1416 no signal. May 26 1404-1416 news program by two females ìnoticias de la ciencia; noticias del policÌa: la vÌctima asasinada a golpes!; noticias de economÌa: el petrÛleo superÛ la barrera de 100 dÛlares; notÌcias del deportes. InformÛ LRA36î, Argentinean folk music; 44444. May 27 at 1336 and 1454 no signal (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476, LRA36, May 30 at 1252 tune-in, S7 to S9+5 signal but just barely modulated. 1300 can tell there is some talk; 1302 music is barely modulated, a slight improvement. 1326 XYL talk still at S7-S9+5 level, bit of music, Enya? 1339 tho signal is weaker at S6-S9, vocal music is louder than before. But next check 1353 it`s gone, while 15480 UK is still there. Nothing further heard during following hour. Hypothesis: LRA36 modulator tube is on the edge, and they were coddling it with deliberate undermodulation, edging it up bit by bit until it blew off. What next?

15476, as feared from yesterday`s early dump off the air by LRA36, no sign of it today May 31: 1236 tune-in but no trace of a carrier aside China 15480, nor at 1236, 1257, 1308, nor further in that hour. Extracontinental signals on 19m band were quite weakened, however, K-index at 1200 being 4, altho May 30 solar flux reached 112.

15476, LRA36 missing again June 1 at 1306 and later chex including 1335 when UK was very poor but audible on 15480. Turkey was also in well on 15450 before 1320. Hope Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel is not gone again for months or forever (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA [non]. DATE FOR DIARY: Antarctic broadcast on 21 June

The annual BBC Antarctic Special gets broadcast each year on the southern hemisphere winter solstice. In both 2009 and 2010, it was broadcast on 21 June at 2130-2200 GMT on 5950, 7295 and 7360. In 2009, it was known that 5950 and 7295 were from Rampisham and 7360 was from Ascension (Chris Greenway, UK, May 27, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD)

** ANTIGUA. DID ANTIGUA RELAY STATION INCREASE CANCER MORTALITY?

The Antigua news portal caribarena.com raises the question of whether the high power shortwave station that used to operate on the island was responsible for am increase in the cancer mortality rate. The website says that ìIn 1975, the Caribbean Relay Station was constructed in Antigua. The stationís purpose was to broadcast international radio content, like the BBC World Service, to most of the western hemisphere. The station was a monster when compared to cell phone towers, with six radio towers operating at 250 kW.

ìThe station had the ability to broadcast shortwave AM radio far beyond the Caribbean region, well into South and North America. This station was, by far, the largest operating transmission station in the entire Caribbean. According to PAHO (Pan-American-Health-Organization) the cancer mortality rate in Antigua between 1992-2002 peaked at 176 cases for every 100,000 people. This is higher than anywhere in Latin

America, according to the same study.î

ìIn our initial publication, we noted that the health effects of EMFs have a 10-20 year delay. The Caribbean Relay Company began operating in 1976, exactly 20 years before the PAHO study was conducted. Is there a link between the current high rates of cancer and the Caribbean Relay Company? The answer is that it is very possible.î

Read more
Who Will Switch The Microwave Off
http://www.caribarena.com/antigua/mobile/234-mobile/97565-who-will-switch-the-microwave-off.html#ixzz1O2PTxe00
(June 1st, 2011 - 15:19 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

Sure, if you held the six 250 kW transmitters up to your ear. Also, SW is not microwave! (gh, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. Bastante distorsionada llega hoy Radio FÛsil con transmisor ubicado en la zona norte de Rosario en la frecuencia de OM 1610.15 kHz. Alfredo JosÈ Angeletti es el creador de esta alternativa radial que se hace presente todos los domingos por la noche. Los contactos son: TelÈfono 0341-4747580 (desde el exterior 54-341-4747580) Celular: 0341-156543458 (idem). E-mail: iacom @ satlink.com Radio FÛsil emite con un cuarto de kilovatio y est· inscrita en la AFSCA (Autoridad Federal de Servicios de ComunicaciÛn Audiovisual) con el N∫023123.

En realidad, no llega tan bien como otras veces. La seÒal est· muy distorsionada. No da para escuchar m·s que unos cinco minutos y correrse del dial. Pero no deja de ser una noticia novedosa para aquel que pueda captarla de m·s lejos (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, May 29, condiglist yg via DXLD

** ARMENIA. 4810, Armenian Public Radio, 1757, tone IS to 1759, anthem, then into language by man. First thought it was Arabic, but it was hard to tell, as audio was overmodulated. Lots of local music, plug pulled at 1831. 27 May (David Sharp, NSW: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-SW7600GR, PR-D5, ICF-2010, Timewave 599zx, MFJ 1026, MFJ 959C, R30A, Palstar MW550P, SP-2000 speaker. Also 100m noise-reducing aerial and 50m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA. 9430, La Voz de Russia, via Yerevan-Gavar site at 0125 UT May 24. Much distorted satellite feed audio quality! Shame on local engineers. Is a pity that a provider delivers such bad quality these days; Gavar relay site installations belong to a Swiss-Geneve company at present! S=9+15dBm. Noted report about Tundra/Taiga areas and 'madera de arboles' (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via

DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 5050.058, 15.5 1908, Ozyradio best ever (but still very weak). A short mp3 recording was sent to them resulting in a mail QSL, perhaps one the first replies to Europe (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 29 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. ABC Tony Delroy ìNightlifeî show heard on 3210
[Re 11-21, mystery on 3210, not OzyRadio]

Hi Glenn, Ian is correct! Have positively confirmed I was hearing the ABC Tony Delroy "Nightlife" show about welfare. My audio clearly has their musical jingle and confirmed the phone call by a man whose business failed at http://www.box.net/shared/pflnxsthro
ABC clear audio at http://www.abc.net.au/nightlife/podcast.htm

Thanks to Ian for his guidance to confirm it was the Tony Delroy show. So how is it I am able to hear this so far away? (Ron Howard, UT May 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Subject: Re: ABC programming on 3210

Ron, There's something almost magical about your DX listening location Ron :-) Good work with the program confirmation. Yes, I thought I heard the word environment too. We can both give ourselves 'Gold Stars' to put on our foreheads for our detective work :-P

Seriously though --- As to where the transmission originated. Well as I said previously from the passive re-radiation of the 702 kHz Sydney signal from the 3210 Ozy Radio antenna is a distinct possibility. 2BL 702 kHz is 50 kW but distance is a big 30 km between sites. This is a lot, admittedly. RF works in mysterious ways. With the Ozy Radio transmitter turned off and maybe feederline disconnected, an 'unbalanced' situation exists between the feederline and antenna, and thus both can re-radiate and pick up other RF signals. I would suggest, though, the radiated power levels would be so so much weaker than 1 kW. Local atmospherics can also play a part in the strength of local MW signals.

I'm suggesting the above is a small possibility. I can say that an hour after your reception that I didn't detect a carrier on OzyRadio on 3210, but due to my location I can't say if a weaker passive signal was not being rebroadcast unintentionally via the Ozy Radio 3210 kHz antenna.

You might like to ask David Sharp to do some monitoring from his location in NSW on 3210 whilst OzyRadio is currently off 3210.

No other Aussie registrations exist for 3210 in Australia. Pirate radio rebroadcasting from somewhere on the planet of the ABC audio or signal is also is distinct possibility. Perhaps someone playing games...?

Perhaps the owner of Ozyradio doing frequent work at the transmitter site could explain why one day the ABC signal is there and other days not. Hope someone else can also assist with your mystery, Ron. All the best (Ian Baxter, via Ron Howard, DXLD)

Hi David, Greetings from California! Have a bit of a mystery on 3210 kHz. Today I clearly was hearing ABC programming, but Ozy Radio was off the air. Ian Baxter suggested I ask you to perhaps check 3210 while Ozy Radio is off the air, to see if you can also hear ABC programming. Would appreciate any help you can provide me about this mystery! Thank you! (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, USA, ibid.)

Hi, Usually my location is quiet, though I still get noise on 90m on occasion ñ still, though, I would be able to hear Ron's mystery. Will try tonite (local time) to see what's there. 73s (David Sharp, ibid.)

Technically, I don't see any chance the switched-off transmitter (site) could produce any signal on 3210. But if there was some work done at Ozy Radio that moment and the transmitter was switched ON, the ABC audio could have been transmitted on 3210. Unnoticed or by purpose. Two other possibilities I can think of:
- someone is fooling around with a pirate transmitter
- 2310 Alice Springs transmitter switched by error to 3210, but does it broadcast that kind of program at that time? Interesting. 73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, ibid.)

Hi David, As per Jari's comments --- If you're near your SW radio at around 1245 UT can you ALSO check/compare 2310 with 702 kHz or any other NSW ABC Local Radio frequency?

I know VL8A does carry the ABC Nightlife program (a national networked program), but I'm not 100% certain if it is delayed 30 minutes. From memory ABC "national networked programs" (including 'Nightlife program) are delayed on VL8A as they are on the FM & MW frequencies in NT, so as to stay sync'ed with NT time. This "might" assist in proving whether or not Ron's reception was via a frequency punch-up error on the ABC VL8A transmitter, i.e. 3210 instead of 2310. It is however unlikely that the wrong ABC feed was "also" used from Alice Springs (i.e. NSW instead of NT).

I would also make the suggestion to Ron that if possible (and receivable) that when/if he notices 3210 carrying ABC Local Radio (when Ozy Radio us off) that he checks 2310 kHz to see if on. Cheers

(Ian Baxter, NSW, ibid.)

Is it not possible that Ozy R relayed briefly ABC, just for a test for example? 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Ian, Thank you and all the others for your assistance. Perhaps the most plausible explanation at this point is that my reception yesterday of ABC programming on 3210 kHz was a frequency entering error for 2310 (Alice Springs NT). This was also suggested by Craig Allen, owner of Ozy Radio, who confirmed it was not his station. Today (May 26) there was nothing on 3210 and there was in fact a carrier heard on 2310, which probably was ABC. This might also explain why on another occasion I had audio on 3210 when Ozy Radio was also off the air. Perhaps it is something that does occasionally happen. Thanks again (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, USA, ibid.)

Hi Everyone, I checked last night and also this morning, and no trace of any signal on 3210. If something had been on the air, I probably would have heard it as I am only 900-kilometers from Sydney.

It IS possible, the 3210 kHz array is retransmitting another signal, when the transmitter is off. When my local station (585 kHz) is off the air, their antenna re-radiates the local ABC signal, even though that transmitter is 50-kilometers from here. But the ABC is on an "adjacent" channel, 657, which makes it close enough to 585, for unusual things to occasionally happen, a much different scenario than the 3210 vs 702 ABC in Sydney. Will keep checking. 73s (David Sharp, NSW Australia, May 27, ibid.)

Ron, If it was the ABC Alice Springs transmitter, then I wonder how its frequency changes are made. If it's done manually, then this would have been a random mistake, probably by someone at a master control facility (I can't imagine them having someone in Alice Springs whose sole job is to change frequencies twice a day).

On the other hand, there could be a programming error in whatever automation system runs the transmitter. It might be worth checking 3210 and 2310 next week at the same time, just to see if the situation reoccurs (Bruce Portzer, WA, ibid.)

How could that re-radiation happen if the transmitter is off? The antenna is just a tower or wire, never exactly tuned to a "just-on-spot" frequency. How could such an array know on which frequency to reflect a signal from some other transmitter? There must be another explanation if such things happen on AM or SW. 73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, ibid.)

Hi Jari (and Everyone), I happen to work for the station on 585 kHz,

so can assure you, re-radiation does happen. When we go off the air, a weak signal from the ABC on 657 is clearly audible on our frequency. Our towers are tuned to 585 and so reflect the signal coming from 657. But again, I stress, those are "close" frequencies. It's not like the 3210 transmitting aerial, "picking up" and re-radiating the 702 ABC Sydney signal. I would say a punch-up error on one of the ABC regionals in the NT is more likely. Haven't heard anything on 3210 in the past 24 hours of monitoring.

As a sidebar: many years ago, I worked at 910 AM, just outside of Tampa. When we went off the air, the 910 mast would re-radiate a nearby 50 kW signal on 1010 kHz (about five miles distant). (David Sharp, NSW Australia, ibid.)

The mixup at 2310 theory seems good, except if VL8 was really ever on 3210, it would have been a much more noticeable signal inside Australia than Ozyradio ever is. As I learnt from RNZI, their automation is programmed on a weekly, not daily basis, so week-apart error repeats could happen, altho in the case of the VL8s I should think they would not have any daily variations in frequency change times. But then neither should RNZI from their nominal schedule. The half-hour offset of NT programming should clinch it if that is the case and happens again (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Heh, we can speculate this 3210 case forever, until we get more monitoring reports. What comes to signal strength, it is (again) possible that some repair work is/was done at Alice Springs and gear was run with low power, on wrong frequency. And running a transmitter 900 kHz off the tuned antenna also causes a lot of loss in signal. Well this is just speculation as I said, until more info comes in. 73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, ibid.)

Hi, Ozy Radio 3210 is back on. Nothing noted on frequency for 24 hours prior. Mystery may remain unsolved. 73s (David Sharp, NSW, 1042 UT May 27, ibid.)

I just listened on a remote receiver via the net from Brisbane. 3210 certainly does not have Tony Delroy and there is a motor boat sound and underneath very weakly some music. 2310 in the NT does appear to have Tony Delroy on a time delayed basis i.e. 30 minutes behind my local FM outlet (Robin L. Harwood VK7RH, Norwood Tasmania 7250, 1250 UT May 27, ibid.)

Hi Folks, Hope we're not boring Ron and others. Personally it has been a bit of mystery and interesting to me. My thanks to David for his assistance and to everyone for their comments, i.e. David, Jari, Bruce, Glenn & Robin.

On Thursday evening (local time) I got to listen into 2310 kHz & afterwards did a posting back to Ron. (see below)

Ron, I had another listen to your recording & compared to the streaming program of previous day (will be taken down soon) from the ABC.

I now completely dismiss the idea of an off air pick up from 702 kHz 2BL (ABC Local Radio) Sydney on the assumption the time you heard was indeed around 1310 UT.

The time of the live broadcast from Sydney would have been something more like 1230-1235 UT of your reception. So maybe your reception did come from a frequency entry error from Alice Springs NT transmitter tech, given the approx. 30 minutes difference of delayed program and the fact that the Environment website promo was not carried on the Nightlife streaming program feed, that comes from Sydney. The promo for Robbie Buck (NSW) is heard instead on the internet stream.

I note tonight (Thu) that 2310 kHz is heard. Interestingly, though, the Nightlife program didn't start until around 1402 UT. Some kind of NT local program heard prior to then. Nightlife program is on 30 min delay.

This may deepen the mystery. However it may be explainable if the Nightlife program can be heard earlier on VL8A on different weekdays?? Nightlife should start at 1230 UT on NT local radio freqs (AM & FM).

I wonder however how one obtains/accesses a program schedule on-line for the NT SW service? I do hear on 2310 kHz IDs as "ABC Alice Springs" during the delayed Nightlife program.

Certainly some further programming research could be done for the NT Shortwave Service station in relation to a program schedule. Then perhaps we might make some in-roads in the mystery. (Edited)

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I wasn't home early enough (Friday night local time) to hear what time the Nightlife program started on 2310 kHz. A couple of further notes. Ozy Radio 3210 kHz started up again around 07 UT Friday (May 28th).

Also I'm not sure if anybody in the group knows this, but from around May 20th or so, the VL8T new transmitter has reportedly been running DRM tests. Not sure if still happening. Ozy Radio knew about this. I've heard a "rumour" that VL8T was running DRM signal simultaneously with AM (analogue) signal. I'm not sure it there is truth to this or not, nor if even possible. I heard that there is something about a

technology that enables this on the DRM website (I haven't looked yet). Given our mystery 3210 signal, I'm not sure if Tennant Creek VL8T may have been implicated with our mystery?

Gosh, this topic could go for a while. I think I have to look at the DRM website; perhaps DRM can be carried as a sub-carrier on a SW carrier like RDS can on FM? I'm over my head on this I have to check this out later. I need enlightenment --- other than that offered by Harold on Family Radio :-P G'Night, all. 73's (Ian Baxter, NSW, ibid.)

** AUSTRALIA. 15400, May 31 at 1300, HCJB Global Voice Australia signing off in English; 15340 at 1314, brief ID in English amid other tongues, atop the Moroccan 15341 het (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also UNIDENTIFIED 15400

** AUSTRALIA [non]. Frequency changes of Radio Australia via BABCOCK:
2200-2330 NF 7340 DHA 250 kW / 105 deg to SEAs, ex 9695 in Indonesian
2200-2400 NF 9855 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SEAs, ex 9590 in English
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD) DHA=UAE

** AUSTRIA. Hi, nice photo of Moosbrunn hf site here:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/74528046@N00/3306368854/
(Andrea Borgnino IW0HK - HB9EMK, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** BAHRAIN. 9745, Radio Bahrain, 0041-0105 May 23. Middle Eastern vocals hosted by a man announcer with short Arabic talk. ID and brief news at 0100. Poor to fair until Radio Free Europe opened at 0100 on 9750 effectively destroying reception of Bahrain.

[+] 2357-0045, May 23-24, carrier + USB. Audible after Romania 2357 sign off with local Mid-East style music. Arabic talk. Local chants. Poor to fair (Rich DíAngelo, Wyomissing PA, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD) So there`s the window, 2357-0100 (gh)

** BELGIUM [non]. Some TDP changes:
Gunaz Radio in Azeri from May 25:
1430-1730 on 7610 SMF 250 kW / 130 deg to CeAs, ex 1430-1930

New time for Voice Asena in Tigrinya:
1700-1800 on 15360 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg to EaAf Mon
1700-1800 on 15360 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg to EaAf Wed, cancelled
1730-1800 on 15360 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg to EaAf Fri, ex 1700-1800

Denge Mezopotamya in Kurdish from May 29:
1800-2000 NF 11530 SMF 300 kW / 129 deg to WeAs, ex 7540
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD)

** BERMUDA. FM Es NJ->Bermuda [sic] --- 94.9, ZFB "Power 95 FM" from Bermuda in with an ID at 5 PM [EDT]. The 89.1 is trying to break into WWFM (Nick Langan, Florence, NJ, 2104 UT 29 May, My DX page: http://www.wnjl.com/dx/ WTFDA via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD)

Hip Hop on 94.9 aimed 120 degrees, likely them. 89.1 has oldies - not usual there. 1711 EDT ñ (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA, (15 mi NW of Philadelphia), Grid FN20id, Yamaha T-80 - Conrad RDS Mgr; Onyko T450RDS; APS-9B @ 15' Grundig G8, ibid.)

Clean Power 95 ID 1712/ 89.1 segued (Edmunds, ibid.)

Does anyone know if the 89.1 in Bermuda has a stream anywhere? I keep getting bursts of it but can't hold it over WWFM long enough for an ID (Nick Langan, ibid.)

I don't know of one. I have something there with stuff ranging from the Righteous Brothers to soul to hip hop but so far only segues and song announcements. And I have another co-channel local to deal with on 89.1 (Edmunds, ibid.)

Just got a quick ID of "Bermuda's Magic 102.7" at 1729 [EDT]. 94.9 up and down still (Langan, NJ, ibid.)

89.1 is the only other one I have a chance at. The others are all either locals or local IBOC. Haven't noted anything toward the Caribbean yet although there's sure 6m activity that way based on the maps. -- (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA, 2136 UT May 29, ibid.)

** BOLIVIA. 4111, R. Virgen de Remedios, (presumed) Tupiza. May 29, 0021-0044 male and female in Spanish talks; sounding like when they relay the audio of religious radio station WEWN. Unreadable, poor, 25322. 73ís (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4111.3, R. Virgen de Remedios, 1115, presumed with recitation of the Rosary. Very poor, needs more work. Found this while looking for R. Verdad. Thanks Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec log, via Bob Wilkner, for this. 30 May (David Sharp, NSW: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-SW7600GR, PR-D5, ICF-2010, Timewave 599zx, MFJ 1026, MFJ 959C, R30A, Palstar MW550P, SP-2000 speaker. Also 100m noise-reducing aerial and 50m dipole.)

** BOLIVIA. 4716.7, Radio Yura, 0047-0258* May 29. Nice program of vocals hosted by a man announcer with numerous IDs and Spanish talk. Running much later than usual 0200* tonight. Seemingly left air without any fanfare. Poor to fair although much weaker in last hour (Rich DíAngelo, Wyomissing PA, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4795.97, 2330-0100 27-28.05, R LÌpez, Uyuni, Spanish, lively talk by two persons and enjoyable huaynos, 0001 frequency announcement; 35233, surprisingly good! (Anker Petersen, heard in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire after my return from the DSWCI AGM and DX-Camp in Vejers Strand, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.45, 2220-2345 17+20+21.05, R Pio XII, Siglo XX, Quechoa/Spanish talks and hymns, native songs, a man talking with a child - surprisingly strong on 17.05, 44333 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DX-Camp and the 55th Annual General Meeting of the DSWCI, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 26 metres longwire and a Wellbrook 1530 antenna which proved better by comparison! via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.82, Radio Santa Cruz, *0859-0925, May 26, sign on with opening Spanish ID announcements. IS/ID sequence at 0901. "Santa Cruz" song at 0904. Bolivian music. Poor in noisy conditions.

6134.82, Radio Santa Cruz, *0859-0915, June 1, sign on with opening Spanish announcements and choral music. IS/ID sequence at 0901. Many IDs. ìSanta Cruzî song at 0904. Ads. Jingles. Bolivian music. Fair (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. A R·dio Educadora de Limeira em ondas tropicais de 120 metros QRG de 2380 kHz, ainda continua no ar apÛs as 19h, mais ou menos. Vai atÈ por volta das 5h da madrugada [local time, must be = 22-08 UT]. Trata-se da ˙nica emissora nessa faixa que se mantÈm no ar. O dono da emissora recebe muitos QSL's de longe, motivo de sua permanÍncia na faixa. Seu transmissor È fraco (QRP) para uma emissora comercial em ondas tropicais. Est· com menos de 250 w, n„o sei exatamente a potÍncia. O problema È que a propagaÁ„o, nesta Època do ano, comeÁa a faltar. … o que h·, colegas 73 (Luiz [Chaine Neto] LIMEIRA SP, 27-5-2011, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 3324.986, 21.5 2235, R Mundial, S„o Paulo // webstream. Fair. I also checked the reception of those 90 mb Brazilians from the DL0AO Perseus server near N¸rnberg in Germany. The Perseus receiver is located in an old military base (very low noise) and is equipped with beverages pointing SW. But the signals were a little bit better here on my Flag!

3365.012, 21.5 2310, R Cultura, Araraquara with music.

3375.366, 21.5 2240, R Municipal, S„o Gabriel Cachoeira with music, weak.

4865.027, 28.5 2300, tentative R Verdes Florestas with a long talk-program like ìA voz do Brazilî which ended 2308. I checked the webstream of R Alvorada de Londrina but no synchronized audio at all. This one was also disturbed by a carrier on 4864.341 but no audio was heard. A few years back R·dio Missıes da AmazÙnia - Cidade Nova was logged on 4865.04 ñ is this one really gone?? (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 29 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4878.7, R. Dif.™ de Roraima, Boa Vista RR, 2214-2236, 26/5, folk songs, infos on the Roraima state university, advertisements; 35322. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

On the air now --- 2335 GMT, 4878.64 tentative, Brasil, Rdif Roraima, Boa Vista RR, 1000 noted 26 May and 2335 (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, May 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 5939.86, Radio Voz Mission·ria, 0055-0110, May 30, Portuguese religious talk. Portuguese inspirational music. Weak, poor with adjacent channel splatter. Better on // 11749.92 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BRAZIL. 9675, May 26 at 0600, tnx to absence of WYFR 9680, Portuguese in the clear, good signal talking about pecadores (sinners), then Lord`s Prayer and Ave Maria; it`s R. CanÁ„o Nova, Cachoeira Paulista (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 11780, looking for R. Nacional da AmazÙnia, UT Sunday May 29 at 0521, since normally they run all-night on Saturday-into-Sunday only, but no big signal as expected; however there was a JBA carrier, perhaps CNR8 as scheduled from Beijing. RNZI was good on 11725, so propagation from the southern hemisphere appeared to be OK. Wonder if RNA`s other transmitter has downbroken too? Still always absent from 6185, fortunately for XEPPM and its fans.

11780, May 30 at 2128, I can hear Brazilian accent aside much stronger Anguilla 11775, so RNA is still on the air despite absence overnight into last UT Sunday. I wonder if they are really running on greatly reduced power now, or just poor propagation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11815, May 31 at 0540 with romantic music, 0542 announcement in Brazilian intonation, so R. Brasil Central, Goi,nia. Poor signal but the OBOB (only Brazilian on band) that was audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 15189.98, Radio InconfidÍncia, 0050-0105, May 26, Portuguese talk. Local pop music. Weak but readable. Fair on peaks.

// 6010 - weak, poor with adjacent channel splatter (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX Listening Digest)

15189.95, R. InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte MG, 1404-..., 28/5, football news, advertisements; 35443. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15189.91. Radio InconfidÍncia, 0045-0110, May 30, audible after WYFR 0045 sign off. Classical music and Portuguese talk. Poor. Weak. Also poor, weak signal on // 6009.93 with adjacent channel splatter (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX Listening Digest)

** CANADA. Re: [IRCA] Applications for new 50 kW stations on 690 and 940 in Montreal Quebec

Although Cogeco is solid, personally I don't believe in a long term profitability with this format and furthermore using 50Kw transmitters that aren't cheap to operate (also agreed that these are indeed a waste of class A facilities). Montreal isn't New York City (Sylvain Naud, Portneuf, QC, May 19, IRCA via DXLD)

I read that proposal and it mentions "Montreal Region." "Region" grabbed my attention. 50 kW makes sense to cover areas outside of Montreal proper. I wished that Homeland Security (US) would have mandated that one analog Low band VHF TV station be kept on each market for weather, alerts and so on. Good DX target and provides an important function, since DTV is not always reliable. 73, (Dave in Indy Hascall, ibid.)

It's not that bizarre. Niagara Falls has a 5,000 watt TIS, CJRN 710. (the TIS' history can be traced back to an 8 watt TIS on 91.9). Even Environment Canada, at one point, did research on the potential use of high power AM for its weather broadcasts in remote parts of the country. wrh (Bill Hepburn, ibid.)

I think your point that one transmitter site being cheaper to run and maintain is valid. But, I have to wonder why 50 kW would be necessary for this purpose. If the intent is to run a traffic/TIS station, the coverage area provided by big power, low on the dial is a waste. Unless you're in metro-Montreal, the signal is not useful. A kW or two would be more than adequate to cover the City. Why spend the cash on the power bill? Peter, N4LI (Peter Baskind, J.D., LL.M., Germantown, TN, ibid.)

** CANADA. CKNX-920 Wingham ON applies for nested FM relay on 104.3 MHz, 3 kW, 69 meters. The AM transmitter would remain in operation as at present.

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2011/2011-354.htm>

1. Wingham, Ontario, Application 2010-1622-0
Application by Blackburn Radio Inc. to amend the broadcasting licence of the English-language AM radio programming undertaking CKNX Wingham. The licensee proposes to add an FM transmitter at Wingham to broadcast the programming of CKNX.

The new transmitter would operate on frequency 104.3 MHz (channel 282A) with an effective radiated power of 3,000 watts (non-directional antenna with an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 69 metres).

The licensee indicates that the addition of an FM transmitter would improve service to listeners of CKNX, and provide fill-in coverage at night and in areas that are most affected by interference in the CKNX current licensed area.

From the application itself, of interest in light of recent discussion as to if the station powers down at night:

Coverage limitations

We believe strongly in the importance of our AM radio station. Not a single day passes without our thoughts on how we can offer even more service to residents. As a station that reduces power significantly in the evening, AM920 has always had trouble reaching its central audience after dark and before the sun rises. Attached is a contour map that shows our daytime interference free contours and the night-time contours. As can be seen there is a significant reduction in our service area.

We have also attached a map that shows our BBM Central area, provided to us by BBM. It is clear that there are significant parts of the broadcast day where our signal does not reach many in our service area. With less power at pre-dawn (at late as 8 am in winter) and at dusk (as early as 4:30 pm in winter,) before 8 am and after 4 pm being key drive times, we canít reach many of listeners with emergency broadcast information, road closures, bus cancelations, severe weather etc. We are simply not reaching those in the rural areas and outlying communities that rely on AM920. 73, (via Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, May 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 9625, open carrier, good signal May 26 at 0602, no doubt CBC NQ Sackville wasting watts again an hour after sign-off, becoming obvious after Spain/Costa Rica [q.v.] closed 9630 a few minutes earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE. A-11 for Voz Crist„ / La Voz via SGO=Santiago:
Spanish to Northern South America

[since CVC dropped Portuguese a year or two ago there is no point in referring to it in that language --- gh]

1200-2300 on 17680 SGO 100 kW / 000 deg till Aug.20
2300-0200 on 11665 SGO 100 kW / 000 deg till Aug.20
1100-2300 on 17680 SGO 100 kW / 000 deg from Aug.21
2300-0100 on 11665 SGO 100 kW / 000 deg from Aug.21

Spanish to Southern South America
1200-2200 on 9635 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg till Aug.20
2200-0200 on 9780 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg till Aug.20
1100-2200 on 9635 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg from Aug.21
2200-0100 on 9780 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg from Aug.21

Spanish to Brasil
1800-2000 on 17640 SGO 015 kW / 045 deg in DRM mode
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD) see also U S A [non]

** CHINA. Hi Glenn: You might want to check out 10970 and 12270; they have active this week.

13920, Firedrake, 1132 to 1200* sign off Chinese music jammer // 12240, 12600, 13800, 13130, 14975, 15900, 16100, 16980. May 21.

On May 22 also heard 1155-1200 sign off // 13850, 14700, 14970, and 15970. Also heard on May 22 1216 sign on-1220 // 11500, 14900, 15970 and 16100. 13920 and 15970 signed first at 1216 with the rest of the frequencies signing on over the next couple of minutes.

Also heard May 23 with 13920 signing on first at 1215 followed over the next couple of minutes by // 10970, 13970, 15970. And 17170. All signed off at 1300.

Also heard May 25 from 1149 to 1200* sign off // 10970, 12600, 13850, 14900, 14970, 15900, 16100, 16980 and 17170.

Also heard May 26 1153-1200 sign off // 10970, 12270, 12980, 13970, 14900, 15970 and 16100. All of the above broadcasts were presumed targeting Sound of Hope (Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake May 26, reflecting mostly the activity of Sound of Hope, which Must Be Jammed, lest Falun Gong depose the Commies:

 7970, fair-good at 1147
10970, good at 1153; fair-good at 1224

12270, good at 1156 with flutter; not usual 12240
12600, good at 1222
13130, poor at 1158; fair-good at 1222; fair at 1256
13850, fair at 1220, not earlier, ACI from WWCR 13845; good at 1254 and now none in the 13.9s
13920, fair at 1156
13970, fair at 1156
14700, fair at 1220; poor at 1256
14950, good with flutter at 1220; fair at 1256
15430, fair at 1357
15545, poor at 1246, het 15548 V. of Tibet presumed target; can Firedrake transmitters not operate on split frequencies??
15970, very poor at 1159; very good at 1257, 1333 and 1355
16100, very poor at 1159; good at 1227; very good at 1334, 1358
16980, very poor at 1227

Firedrake May 27:
16980, JBA, flutter at 1252
16100, good at 1252
15545, poor at 1253
15540, very poor, heavy flutter at 1336, 1347; this one jumping around after V. of Tibet stays on, also heard shortly after 1300
15430, very poor at 1336, 1347
14950, very good at 1254
14900, good at 1253; good but heavy flutter at 1338, 1449
14700, good at 1253; none in the 13s at this time
13850, poor at 1447 with ACI de 13845 WWCR; not heard earlier
12600, good at 1255
10970, very good at 1256, none lower; good at 1341, none in the 13s, 12s or 11s at this time; fair at 1451 // 14900

WWV says:
``Solar-terrestrial indices for 26 May follow.
Solar flux 83 and mid-latitude A-index 9.
The mid-latitude K-index at 1200 UTC on 27 May was 2 (8 nT).
The mid-latitude K-index at 1500 UTC on 27 May was 2 (18 nT).
No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours.
No space weather storms are predicted for the next 24 hours.``

Firedrake May 28: none heard 7-18 MHz at 1255-1300, during severe propagation disturbance, K=6 at 1200 per WWV at 1419, geomag storms reaching G2 level (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake May 29: conditions improved but not back to normal; WWV reports:
``Solar-terrestrial indices for 28 May follow.
Solar flux 101 and mid-latitude A-index 36.

The mid-latitude K-index at 1200 UTC on 29 May was 4 (50 nT).
Space weather for the past 24 hours has been minor.
Geomagnetic storms reaching the G1 level occurred.
Radio blackouts reaching the R1 level occurred.
Space weather for the next 24 hours is predicted to be moderate.
Geomagnetic storms reaching the G2 level are likely.
Radio blackouts reaching the R1 level are likely.``

15970, JBA at 1249
14950, fair at 1226, none higher by 1233; fair at 1250
13920, fair at 1211, not at 1250
12600, fair at 1220, fair at 1252
10970, fair-good at 1222, flutter; nothing on 7970; 10970 fair at 1254

13040, May 29 at 1218, surprised to hear not Firedrake here, but Chinese talk and vocal music, kids voices, about same level as 13920 FD, and 13040 is // 11990, i.e. CNR1 jamming. Could be punch-up error for one of the transmitters on 12040, where same could also be heard weakly. 13040 still on at 1252 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 17855, May 30 at 0508, CNR1 echo-jamming is atop R. Free Asia in Mandarin, and also barely audible // on 21580. Usually RFA is alone here from the NMI sites.

15350, May 30 at 1516-1530* good signal with W&M conversing, lively produxion typical of CNR1, off at 1530 sharp after one pip. No trace of any jammee, but Aoki confirms it is a CNR1 jammer at 1500-1530 only without listing either any target.

Gospel for Asia via Wertachtal to S Asia is on 15350 until 1500. RVA via VATICAN in Filipino to ME had been on 15350 at 1500, but on May 15 moved to 15280 (unchecked today), probably because of CNR1, but jamming what? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Firedrake May 30:
16100, very poor at 1255
15900, very poor at 1250; not at 1325
15545, fair at 1254
15525, poor at 1342 ex-15545 with het from 15527, V. of Tibet hoparound
15430, fair-good at 1342
14900, very good at 1250; off at 1325; good-VG at 1346
12600, good to very good at 1347; none lower before or after 1300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15970, "Firedrake" music jammer, May 30 at 1630. Alone on frequency and with good level. Ran quick bandscan with SP-600, only heard this

one jammer at this hour.

7970, May 31, 1015, Firedrake jammer music noted, fair (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund SP-600 + HQ-140X, HQ-200, Drake R-8, outdoor slinky and 70' lazy-L wire, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Firedrake May 31:
16980, poor at 1327
16100, fair at 1327
15545, JBA at 1326
14900, poor at 1228; very good at 1325
14700, very poor at 1325, contrary to 14900
13920, fair at 1228; none in the 12`s; fair at 1325
10965, very poor at 1233; not on 10970 for a change
 7970, very poor at 1235
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

14900 kHz USB - Origem do jamming chinÍs? Amigos, No fim-de-semana (s·bado, 1658 UTC) encontrei uma estaÁ„o que julgo ser a alimentadora (feeder) para as emissoras que colocam jammer nas programaÁıes de outras das quais n„o se agradam. Na verdade È aquela musiquinha chinesa mais do que chata que procura sobrepor um emiss„o da VoA para o Tibet, as emissıes das emissoras que transmitem em geral do ocidente para a China, enfim, vocÍs sabem de qual m˙sica estou falando. Pois ela est· em 14900 kHz USB. Para este registro usei o Icom IC-R75 e a antena: AlexLoop SML 7-30 (indoor, loop circular de 1 m e 10). 73,
(Rudolf Grimm, S„o Bernardo SP, BRASIL, May 30,
http://dxways-br.blogspot.com
DX Clube do Brasil http://www.ondascurtas.com/
radioescutas yg via DXLD)

?? It`s not a feeder (that`s done via satellite), but one of the regular Firedrake frequencies I report almost every day, tho at somewhat earlier hours. I have never noticed any of them to be in USB-only, however, but full DSB AM, which is most effective for jamming, in this case against Sound of Hope. His post reads like the audio is available, but not attached, and I don`t find it in his recent blog posts (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake June 1:
16980, fair with flutter at 1311. I think it was just starting up again after hourtop break, as there was pause/OC at tune-in. Recheck at 1400 just in time to hear music stop, a beep, and then a few syllables of Chinese talk! before cutting carrier. Maybe they were swearing at Sound of Hope, take that!
16100, poor at 1311
14900, poor at 1316
14700, good at 1316

14400, JBA at 1358, much weaker than 14900, weaker still than 14700
13920, fair at 1317; poor at 1358
12270, good at 1319; poor at 1358; none lower
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR. -Kinshasa, 5066.3, R. TÈlÈ Candip, Bunia, 1844-1856 (carrier off at 1912), 27/5, French, talks; 25341. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 6010, Culture English service of RHC from 'Studio 6' at 05-07 UT, noted at 0555 UT report on Cuban concert writer on tour in USA.

As follows: 6010 S=9+10dB, 6050 S=9+10dB, 6060 S=9+30dB, 6150 S=9+35dB. But 6150 suffered by very un-clean audio feed, like a fax machine signal mix modulated with Studio 6 program. These mixture noted on both remote sdr rx places at NJ and FL (Wolfgang B¸schel, May 23/26, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

** CUBA. 5040 kHz at 0948 UT in Spanish on 27/5/2011. Not IDed sorry. Has anyone noted this? I see no entry under Ecuador in WRTH, but is listed in its frequency section as LV del Upano, which I've heard in the past. Is right time to hear it here. Cuba not scheduled to be heard at this time. Haven't seen recent logs of LV del Upano & not listed in Dan Ferguson's frequency list (Ian Baxter, NSW, May 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LV del Upano should be inactive according to DBS, but could be reactivated. Or Cuba running late? Nothing via Florida remote rx now at 1330 (Mauno Ritola, Finland, May 28, ibid.)

Cuba most likely. I have occasionally heard them on past 0500, and they used to run all-night on 5040. RHC style of programming should be easy to recognize with their monomania. Of course I was not monitoring at that time. Would not be on anyway as late as 1330 (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, Thanks for the info. I only stayed on the frequency for 30 seconds or so. I suspect it was RHC given your notes, the signal level and lack of excitement in program. Monomania describes them well :-P Thanks (Ian Baxter, ibid.)

** CUBA [non]. 6030, May 29 at 1239, R. MartÌ still propagating, atop DentroCuban jamming, promo for program Saturdays and Sundays at 2 and 10 pm, [EDT = Sat & Sun 1800, UT Sun & Mon 0200], a `RevoluciÛn Musical`, including an out-of-context clip of Fidel declaring ``esto es lo que necesitamos en nuestro paÌs``, har har. Its title is `Interferencia`, and here`s all about it:
http://www.martinoticias.com/programas/radio/120953594.html

I guess it`s part of R. MartÌ`s new, more relevant sound (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CZECHIA [non]. 26+27-5: 15490, RFE, 0403-05 with IS only "This is RFE RL Praha" S9 4444, same for 27 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Supposedly during this hour on 15490 are: BBC in Somali and French via SEYCHELLES. And VOA Tibetan via Tinang, PHILIPPINES. Which pulled up totally wrong satellite feed channel? Likely the latter (gh, DXLD)

** DJIBOUTI. 4780, Radio Djibouti, *0300-0340, May 28, sign on with National Anthem. Opening Arabic announcements at 0301. Qur`an at 0303. Arabic talk at 0314. Some local rustic music at 0330. Lost in noise by 0340. Poor in noisy conditions (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** EAST TURKISTAN. CHINA. 9509.965, Odd frequency signal of CNR8 PBS Xinjiang Urumqi in Mongolian at 1317 UT May 21, played classical music variations, signal S=9+10dBm (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 4814.961, 21.5 2300, R el Buen Pastor, ìLa nueva Onda de Diosî was the one here. I checked the webstream from R dif de Londrina at the same time but nothing of this station could be heard at this time (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 29 via DXLD)

** ECUADOR [non]. I think we're going to run the last DXPL for two weeks to make sure everyone hears that program and knows that it's ending (Jeff White, WRMI, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So to mid-June?

I had already listened to that via WRMI webcast: the final DX report from JSWC gal, acknowledging other long-time contributors, snippets of interviews with previous hosts, and Allen`s voice seemed a bit emotional as he wrapped it up (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Radio Cairo was heard with a program in English on 15345 kHz between 1630 and 1730 hours. It was announced that the radio station will start transmitting also on 12170 kHz (compiled by Rumen Pankov, R. Bulgaria DX May 27 via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, DXLD)

** EGYPT. 6 new FM Frequencies testing in Cairo

Hello DXers, Back to Cairo, Egypt, after spending a couple of years in Denmark. I noticed some changes taking place in the FM band. Here's a list of these frequencies:

87.8 MHz, Playing non stop of new patriotic songs

92.1 MHz, playing non stop patriotic songs from the Nasser era, 50s and 60s
93.7 MHz and 102.7 MHz, playing nonstop songs by Om Kolthum (the most famous classical lady singer in Egyptian history)
105.3 MHz and 106.3 MHz, playing nonstop songs for Abd Elhaleem Hafez (one of the most famous singers in the Egyptian history)

The Egyptian media day is on 31st of May; during Mubarak's era they used to launch a new station on media day. This is one of the options; the other option would be letting the BBC Arabic, R. Sawa and RMC use the FM frequency in Cairo like the rest of the Arab world. As the ex-media minister was against the idea of letting the BBC and R. Sawa transmit on the FM band in Cairo. More to come in the near future. B. Rgds (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, May 27, dxlydg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A NEW REVOLUTIONARY SOUND FOR NILE FM

It may not be as popular as it used to be 50 or 60 years ago but radio, nonetheless, remains a fixture in daily Egyptian life, and that includes the English-language commercial station 104.2 Nile FM, which has found a niche for itself in Cairo.

Recently, the station changed its sound. Its new motto: ìThe Sound of Now,î an appropriate title for a station that acted quickly after the revolution to meet the needs and demands of an audience that, in the words of the stationís programming manager Safi, wanted the changes ìnow,î immediately.

Eight years since going on air, 104.2 Nile FM has evolved from an English-language station with a predominantly British staff to a uniquely Egyptian radio station. Today, six out of the nine presenters are Egyptian and anyone listening can clearly identify a particular personality of the station.

Read more from thedailynewsegypt.com
http://thedailynewsegypt.com/art/a-new-revolutionary-sound-for-nile-fm.html
(May 30th, 2011 - 16:06 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, no R. Africa heard since last logged here May 11 at unusual time of 1330 with obvious problems. And before then on May 7 until 2107, also malfunxioning; see previous reports, DXLDs. Has anyone heard it since at any time? Best time had been around 2100-2200 before WYFR comes on, now in English instead of Portuguese (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. ERITREIA (?), 7170, Voice of the Broad Masses (presumed),

Selai Dairo, 1717-1728, 27/5, Vernacular, talks; off at 1800; 45343.

7175 ditto?, 1723-, 29/5, vernacular, interview, HoA songs; off at 1800; 45343. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9830.04 NF, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, *0258-0315, May 26, New Frequency. Sign on with IS. Vernacular talk at 0300. Local Horn of Africa music. Weak but readable. Weak // 7235. Good on // 7175. See also below

7204.98, Voice of Broad Masses of Eritrea - program 1, 0258-0325, June 1, tune-in to IS. Vernacular talk at 0300. Local Horn of Africa music. Irregular. Fair. No //s heard.

9830.03, Voice of Broad Masses of Eritrea - program 2, *0255-0325, June 1, sign on with IS and opening ID sequence. Vernacular talk at 0300. Fair. Irregular on 9830.03. Slightly stronger on // 7175 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. via Ethiopia, 7235, Voice of Peace & Democracy, *0358-0430*, May 30, sign on with Horn of Africa music IS and ID sequence. Talk in listed Tigrinya at 0400. Some local music. Fair at sign on but deteriorated to poor, weak levels by 0420. Not on // 9560. Heard on // 9565.00 - very weak under BBC and QRM from Brazil on 9565.24. Mon, Wed, Fri only.

Via Ethiopia, 7233.52v, Voice of Peace and Democracy, 0358-0431*, June 1, tune-in to opening ID announcements in listed Tigrinya. Some local music. Echo announcements. Weak. 7233.52 - drifting up to 7233.77 by sign off. Stronger on // 9559.54v - drifting up to 9559.65 by sign off. Mon, Wed, Fri only. QRM from Iran 9560 at their 0423 sign on (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 6030, Radio Oromiya, *0329-0400, May 30, abrupt sign on with xylophone-like IS. Opening ID announcements in Oromo at 0330. Local Horn of Africa style music at 0331:30. Oromo talk. Some local tribal music. Surprisingly good-strong signal. No co-channel QRM with Radio Marti and jammer off the air on UT Mondays (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ETHIOPIA. 7210, Radio Fana, *0256-0315, May 30, sign on with IS. Amharic talk at 0300. Local Horn of Africa music. // 6110. Both frequencies fair to good. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ETHIOPIA. ETI”PIA, 9705, R. Ethiopia, Geja Dera, 1015-1205, 28/5,

vernacular, talks, interview, songs; 24432, adjacent QRM. No trace of NIGER on 9705(v). 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. 9830, VOBM 2 [ERITREA], 1654 June 1 is now covered by white noise from Ethiopia. This causes also QRM to 9835 RTM (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, Standard rig: ICOM R75 / 2x16 V / m@h40 heads Sennheiser, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. MOLDOVA(non) Frequency change of WRN station: Radio Xoriyo Ogadenia in Somali Mon/Fri:
1530-1600 NF 17590 KCH 300 kW / 160 deg to EaAf, ex 15540
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD) KCH = PRIDNESTROVYE

** ETHIOPIA [non]. ìVOA AMHARIC WALKING A TIGHTROPEî

Abugida Information Center, whose main goals are to ìprovide outreach service to Ethiopians and friends of Ethiopiaî, says ìVOA Amharic has been through rough times particularly in the past couple of years. About five of its journalists have been accused of treason and genocide by Ethiopian regime until pressure from the State Department forced the prosecutors to drop the charges. Even before that, one of VOA Amharic correspondents in Addis Ababa has been seriously attacked by ruling party henchmen. But that was only the beginning. The rulers decided to jam both the radio station and their website.î

Read the whole article
http://www.abugidainfo.com/?p=18060
(June 1st, 2011 - 15:52 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD)

** FRANCE. CHRISTINE OCKRENT QUITS POST AT AEF

The deputy head of Audiovisuel ExtÈrieur de la France (AEF), the French external broadcaster, has left the organisation, vowing to pursue a claim of constructive dismissal. Christine Ockrent has been locked in a long and much-publicised battle with chief executive Alain de Pouzilhac.

In an interview with the Le Figaro newspaper, Ms Ockrent insists that she has not resigned because she held a status that meant that she had no contract, but that she has put an end to a situation in which, she claims, she was unable to do her job. She has not been into her offices since March, claiming that Mr de Pouzilhac and his allies have harassed her with accusations of spying and attempts to destroy her reputation. She will continue action to pursue the company for damages, she says.

In December about 300 of TV channel France 24ís approximately 550 employees voted in favour of a motion of no confidence in Ms Ockrent. Nearly 350 of Radio France International (RFI)ís almost 1,000 employees on Tuesday approved a vote of no confidence in Mr de Pouzilhac.

The creation of AEF has been dogged with problems, including strikes and legal challenges at RFI. Although Ms Ockrent worked on thecreation of the group, she fell out with Mr de Pouzilhac over the merger of the editorial teams of France 24 and RFI. Ms Ockrentís appointment in 2008 was criticised in some quarters because she is the partner of Bernard Kouchner, who was foreign affairs minister at the time. The credentials of Mr de Pouzilhac, who is a former head of communications group Havas, were questioned because he had no experience in news media.

In the Le Figaro interview, Ms Ockrent claims that their relation began to deteriorate as soon as rumours surfaced that Kouchern might lose his seat in the cabinet, which he did in November 2010. (Source: Radio France International) (May 27th, 2011 - 16:33 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** GEORGIA [non]. VOA GEORGIAN SERVICE MARKS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Washington, D.C. ó May 26, 2011 ó Voice of Americaís Georgian Service, which first went on the air May 26, 1951, is being hailed for the role it has played in helping bring democracy to the former Soviet republic.

In a message marking the 60th anniversary of the serviceís creation, Georgiaís Ambassador to the United States, Temur Yakobashvili said, "Without any exaggeration I can say that the VOA Georgian Service has played a big role in spreading Americaís voice to the people of Georgia and making it possible for me to represent a sovereign nation here in the United States. VOAís Georgian Service is as relevant today as it has always been in the past."

VOA began broadcasting a one-half hour daily program to the Georgian people during the most frigid days of the cold war, when Georgia was still a Soviet Socialist Republic. For the past sixty years, through the countryís transition to democracy, the service has continued to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the people of Georgia.

Among its many admirers is Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili, who has praised the service as ìunique and important in covering events in and around Georgia.î

VOAís Georgian Service radio broadcasts were increased to one hour daily in August 2008 following Russiaís military incursion into Georgian territory. The Service broadcasts seven hours of original radio programming a week, reaching listeners via the FM network of Georgiaís Public Broadcasting Corporation, the countryís most powerful FM distribution facility. The broadcasts are also heard on shortwave frequencies.

Since November 2010, the VOA Georgian Service has also produced a weekly 15-minute TV program that is broadcast by Georgiaís Public Broadcasting Corporation. The Serviceís video reports, along with its daily radio programs, are also available on its website and through Facebook, Youtube and Twitter.

Visit VOAís Georgian Service at http://www.voanews.com/georgian/news
(VOA press release May 26 via DXLD)

WTFK? The A-Z schedule shows:
1600-1700 UTC 9435 13745
1700-1800 UTC 7425 11940
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. AFN 873 AM OFF AIR IN JUNE [only]

May 25, 2011- The American Forces Network Europe (AFNE) is adjusting its radio broadcast signals to help State German officials hosting a huge outdoor multi-concert bash, Hessentag.

German telecommunications officials asked AFN to temporarily turn off the 873 AM transmitter in June because heavy car traffic will be routed by the normally remote AFN radio transmitter on the way to a newly created field parking lot. Workers also need time to set up and take down concert stages, lights and temporary buildings, and they are bringing in cranes to do it. The Hessentag festivities and concerts run June 10-19 in Oberursel, Germany.

"Our German neighbors asked us to temporarily turn off our 873 AM Power Network transmitter in Central Germany for concerts with Linkin Park, Bryan Adams, the Scorpions and scores of others," says AFN Europe Commander Colonel Bill Bigelow, "During that time, we'll broadcast to our American audience in Wiesbaden on 1143 AM from another location."

While 1143 AM's 1,000-watts of power will reach Americans stationed in Wiesbaden, the temporary transmitter doesn't have the reach of AFN's 150,000-watt transmitter in Weiskirchen, which reaches American commuters in Frankfurt, Darmstadt, Hanau and Giessen.

AFN Europe will put 873 AM back on the air July 1st (WellenreiterBN on MWDX, via Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD)

So what date does it go off? Not clear; June 1? (gh, DXLD)

Glad it's only temporarily. After suffering the losses of BFBS Bonn (FM 97.8), AFN Bonn (FM 107.6) and BBCWS 648 kHz all that's left in the car radio is AFN 873 and BBC R4 198. Wondering how much longer, guess I need a satellite dish on the car roof (Peter Ippendorf, ibid.)

Perhaps I'm being dim but how does the transmitter affect passing traffic - surely Rugby, Daventry and Droitwich would, because all three have/had heavy traffic virtually underneath been in the same circumstances, yet these were never turned off 'because of heavy traffic'? Can anyone explain please? (Rog Parsons (BDXC 782), Hinckley, Leics., BDXC_UK via DXLD)

Hi Rog, I assume the concern is about the cranes they mention. Erecting a crane in the immediate vicinity of a powerful MW transmitter could be very dangerous as voltages could be induced in the crane, especially as most MW transmitting aerials are vertically polarized. The same danger could also apply to the scaffolding they will presumably be setting up for the stage and lighting. I agree about the traffic. That's irrelevant. Regards, (Chris Greenway, ibid. via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD)

** GERMANY. Two outlets of Kall-Eifel site noted on S=9+10dBm level this morning at 0910 UT May 21.

5980.030 kHz carried a live recording of {East} German cabaret (Dresdner Herkules-Keule?) of late 90ties, on German Mark era. "Ham'se mal 'ne Mark?".

6005 even carried the usual "Radio 700 Euskirchen" program at 0930 UT. (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

6189.993, DLF Berlin Britz in German loud and clear on remote SDR unit in Eastern Europe. Organ concert music recording from Paris France church played til 0100 UT May 24. Happy to find this S=9+20dBm signal on receiving post some 1500 kilometers east of Berlin (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. 13730, May 26 at 1218, after Vatican [q.v.] via Canada had closed, only hearing a continuous 1 kHz tone instead of DW in French via PORTUGAL; lost feed? The Sines relay is doomed, so maybe already starting to close down, phase out? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNIDENTIFIED 15270

17650, May 30 at 1351, good signal in Pashto(?), interviews in a noisy venue; 1359 DW Dari service addresses, cut off before finished at 1359:30*, but a few sex later, a *much* weaker signal continues with mention of Afghanistan, Kabul, DW riff. Before that, this had rivaled the 17595 Spain signal.

HFCC shows DW going from Persian [Dari] to Pushto [Pashtu] at 1400, both 500 kW via Rampisham UK, the only change being a three-degree azimuth shift from 92 to 95 degrees! Obviously a much greater change was made. Before 1359.5 the signal was so good, it may have been on the wrong antenna aimed USward (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. While here picking up the transmitter from KTWR to become WTWW-3, [see U S A] George McClintock also visited KSDA and compared it to KTWR. KSDA is much more automated, computers controlling switching, and was deserted, as everyone was away ``in prayer``. They have two large gates for security as the neighbors aren`t happy about the RF. KTWR is not so automated; frequency changes done manually by pushing buttons (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM [and non]. 9560, May 27 at 1359 after RA is off, open carrier with persistent het from always off-frequency Ethiopia, 1400 AWR theme music, very poor, language? Listed as Chinese from KSDA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. AWR has made the following change as follows lately: 1500-1530 UT Telugu to S. India now on 11640 via KSDA (ex 9540) -- Thanking you, Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, May 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. 4899.98, Radio Familia, 1856, mostly in the mush, but faded-up nicely at 1900, with talk by a French woman. 27 May (David Sharp, NSW: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-SW7600GR, PR-D5, ICF-2010, Timewave 599zx, MFJ 1026, MFJ 959C, R30A, Palstar MW550P, SP-2000 speaker. Also 100m noise-reducing aerial and 50m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. 7125, RTG absent May 26 as late as 0615, checked since Mauritania [q.v.] had reactivated 7245.

7125, May 27 at 0549, RTG poor with music and SSB QRhaM, on the air for a change this early, while 7245, Mauritania was not. Poor propagation now, with little from Europe, and even 7275 Tunisia weak (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7125, Radio Conakry, 2208-2302*, May 27, French talk. Afro-pop music.

Some vernacular talk. Abrupt sign off. Fair to good (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX Listening Digest)

GUIN…-Conakry, 7125, R. GuinÈe, Sonfonya, 1832-1911, 29/5, English, news bulletin till 1835, African pops, French at 1900 for news; 44342, adjacent QRM. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7125, Radio Conakry, *0617-0650, May 30, abrupt sign on with local Afro-pop music. Local tribal music. French announcements at 0631. Jingles. French talk. Local cora music. ID as ìRadio-diffusion Nationale.î Fair to good (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX Listening Digest)

7125, Radio Conakry, *0658-0730, June 1, noticed here with a late sign on. French talk. Local Afro-pop music. Fair (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [non]. UZBEKISTAN, A-11 for CVC The Voice Asia via TAC=Tashkent:
Hindi to India
0000-0400 on 6260 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
0400-1100 on 13630 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
1100-1400 on 9660 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
1400-2000 on 6260 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
Hindi to South Asia
0100-0400 on 9975 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3344.97, RRI Ternate, May 26. At 1200 the relay of the Jakarta news was preempted by non-stop reciting from the Qurían; the Thursday program in English from 1300 to 1400 was also preempted by non-stop reciting from the Qurían.

The English programs heard on March 31, April 7, 14, 21 and 28 dealt a lot with the ìBali International English Clubî (BIEC); due to the primary announcer being an official with the BIEC, as well as being the Secretary of the English Department of ìUMMUî (University of Muhammadiyah in North Maluku, a.k.a. Universitas Muhammadiyah Maluku Utara). Whereas the May 12 show hardly mentioned BIEC at all and had an older primary announcer. Have never been able to make out if there is a specific name for this program or not (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [and non]. 9525.963, Voice of Indonesia, 1027-1045 May 31, Noted a female commenting in English language over music. Signal was at a poor level this morning as the chatter continued (Chuck

Bolland, WR-G31DDC, 26N 081W, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, May 30 at 1323 all I can detect from VOI is a JBA carrier on characteristic off-frequency. Same on May 29 and May 28, and before.

9526-, May 31 at 1317 only a JBA carrier on this perpetual off-frequency of VOI, while RRI 9680 domestic relay was considerably better tho with ACI from CRI Russian USward on 9675.

Since it`s Tuesday I want to hear the `Exotic Indonesia` hookup with RRI Banjarmasin if it happen again, so am forced to exercise my rights as a netizen to turn on the computer and listen online instead.

On one computer I tried http://www.voi.co.id first on Firefox but it just sat there, so on to IE, where the audible greeting in poor English, ``dignifying the ultimate noble of human being``, autolaunched right away and then connected to live broadcast. A few minutes later the stream also started on Firefox with an echo; hardly needed both.

By now it was 1342, and the Banjarmasin guy was indeed on telling a folk tale, then over to a YL with a hard-to-understand accent even tho `reception` is now loud & clear --- well, the audio quality is really rather degraded, including a ringing sound, especially from Banjarmasin. 1349 she says ``that`s all from Banjarmasin``, but it wasn`t --- then OM is back conversing with anchor in Jak, on how to get somewhere away from Banjarmasin on motorbike.

He calls the Jak YL something like `Nuka` or `Noka`, and in 1356 credit list includes ``me, Faturan``, or something like that. The closing song from Banj was noticeably lower-fi than the closing song from Jak which followed. It started to loop at the end, but they quickly faded it out. And ID with the three imaginary frequencies, 9525, 15150 and 11785.

While inaudible SW presumably switched to Indonesian at 1400 vs the ChiCom het (same parameters as 9675, 37 degrees until then), the webcast continued in English with `Newsline` at 1403-1405 by a different YL, with a very heavy accent, including: banx will be open as usual on Friday June 3, despite that being a ``compulsory day of corrective leave`` for Christ`s Ascension Day.

What? That sounds suspiciously unIslamic. But when is it really? Various Christian faxions, even within the RCC in the USA, can`t agree, but how about Thursday June 2 for starters: http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/f/2011_Ascension.htm

Is it a big holiday too, whenever at Babcock`s South Atlantic Relay?

1405, `live` rock music concert clip starts. Turns out to be ``All Night Long``, but not the original by Lionel Ritchie, one of my favorites. May be the theme song of the web-only VOI service in English. 1410 VOI ``Sound of Dignity`` ID, new live DJ on the ``RRI World Service`` says he`s on the fourth floor of the RRI building in Jakarta, ``for a few hours onward``, to include sometime later a weekly network program with RRI channel 2, Denpasar (Bali; which had shown up on SW briefly a few weeks ago instead of Banjarmasin at 13-14). After weather for Indonesia from Sumatera to Papua, he obviously expects to be heard worldwide, mentioning cities in Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, most of them rainy.

Then I was distracted by TV DX from Kansas City area [see USA], meanwhile had trouble getting the VOI stream going on another computer, as CODECs had to be installed on both browsers, but finally got it, mostly music; at 1455 foreign exchange rates for the rupiah; another Newsline until 1504. While the audio kept playing it caused everything else to crash, so enough of that as I have to restart. There was also a warning over the VOI website about ``not safe to rely on system timezone settings``. Ah, DXing the Internet is so different from DXing SW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9680.04, RRI, 1200-1232 May 27. Half a rep of SCI, time pips, then a time check for 19.00 hours ("..sembilan belas waktu Indonesia Barat") and warta berita; news ended at 1226, followed by vocal music. Fair/good (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list, via DXLD)

Glenn, I saw your note in DXLD 11-21 for 9680.052 kHz. I have been thinking that I might be tuning the wrong station in. The WR-G31DDC receiver is not that great when it comes to filtering and I may be looking at the wrong station's display? The next time I am at the computer/receiver I will double check that frequency if it's still transmitting off frequency?

I hope you are staying safe with all of the bad weather we are having lately in your area and nearby areas (Chuck Bolland, FL, May 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9680.096, RRI Jakarta, 1005-1030 May 31, Tuned in while music is being presented with a male commenting between tunes in Indonesian language. Noted the signal drifting slightly as I listened.

The initial frequency reading was as noted above, but by 1017 I had to retune to 9680.133 to be exactly on top of the signal. I might blame my receiver (WR-G31DDC) but it's been on all night so shouldn't need a warm up period when I start listening? Checked the frequency again at

1023 and noted it was 9680.078, so this is probably a regular occurrence? The signal remained at a good level as the music continued (Chuck Bolland, WR-G31DDC, 26N 081W, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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DISSABTE
0800 R. JOYSTICK VIA IRRS (1r DISSABTE DE MES) 9510
0800 R. CITY VIA IRRS (3r DISSABTE DE MES) 9510
0845 IRRS 39 DOVER STREET (2n, 4t , 5Ë DISSABTE DE MES) 9510
1830 VOICE OF NIGERIA TIME FOR HIGHLIFE 15120
1830 IRRS 39 DOVER STREET ñ REPETICIOñ 7290
1900 VOA AFRIQUE DECOUVERTE MUSICAL 17560 9815
1935 VOA AFRIQUE REGGAE HIP HOP 17560 9815
2000 VOA AFRICA MUSIC TIME IN AFRICA 4940 15580

DIUMENGE
0605 R. EXTERIOR DE ESPANA MUNDOFONIAS 12035
0900 R. JOYSTICK via R.700 (1r DIUMENGE DE MES) 6005
0900 MV BALTIC RADIO (1r DIUMENGE DE MES) 6140
0900 EUROPEAN MUSIC R. (3r DIUMENGE DE MES) 6140
0900 R. GLORIA INTL (4t DIUMENGE DE MES) 6140
1033 RFI AFRIQUE L¥EPOPEE DES MUSIQUES NOIRES 15300 17720
1230 IRRS 39 DOVER STREET ñREPETICIOñ 9510
1505 VOICE OF NIGERIA MUSIC HERITAGE 15120
1900 VOA AFRIQUE SOUL USA 12080 15730
2000 VOA AFRIQUE DECOUVERTE MUSICAL ñREPETICIOñ 9815 12080
2000 VOA AFRICA MUSIC TIME IN AFRICA 4940 15580

DILLUNS
1610 RFI AFRIQUE COULEURS TROPICALES (DILLUNS A DIVENDRES) 15300
2000 VOA AFRICA AFRICAN BEAT (DILLUNS A DIVENDRES) 6080 15580
2010 RFI AFRIQUE COULEURS TROPICALES (DIL A DIV) ñREPETICIOñ7205
2105 VOA AMERICAN GOLD 6080 15580

DIMARTS
2105 VOA ROOTS & BRANCHES 6080 15580

DIMECRES
1815 VOICE OF NIGERIA EVERGREENS 15120
1835 R.TAIPEI INTL JADE BELLS & BAMBOO PIPES 6155
2105 VOA CLASSIC ROCK SHOW 6080 15580

DIJOUS
2000 VOA AFRIQUE AFRO MUSIC 9815 12080
2000 WWCR INTO THE BLUE 15825

DIVENDRES
1930 VOICE OF NIGERIA NIGERIAN POPULAR MUSIC 15120
2000 VOA AFRIQUE MUSIQUE DE LA CARAIBE 9815 12080

DIES I HORES UTC. LA SELECCIO DE PROGRAMES ES TOTALMENT PERSONAL I SUBJECTIVA. A mÈs de les freqüËncies recomanades, els grans serveis internacionals com la VOA, BBC o RFI en fan servir altres en paralïlel. Moltes emissores emeten via satËlïlit i alguns programes es poden escoltar als webs d'aquestes en streaming o descarregar en podcast. Per a mÈs informaciÛ consulteu llistats, revistes, Internet, etc. (Rafael MartÌnez, Barcelona, Catalunya, via Dario Monferini, 1 June, playdx yg via DXLD)

** IRAN. 28-5, 9800 // 9780 IRIB with program in English mentioning Muslim ethics, a priest chanting, and more related ethics. 9780 with good signal S20, 9800 with S5. Also // 6205 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Time? Presumably between 2001 and 2031, judging from the preceding and following logs, i.e. the 1930 UT broadcast, per WRTH A-11 on 9780 and 9800 via Sirjan, 6205 and 7215 Kamalabad, plus 5940 Lithuania (gh, DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. 13810 with rock music, language uncertain, June 1 at 0542, and then found // stronger 13860; 0544 IDs as Radio Farda. HFCC shows both are 100 kW via Lampertheim, GERMANY: 13810 0530-0630, 108 degrees; 13860 0400-0930, 104 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. Re 11-21: It was actually an editorial about Galei Tzahal. From the title, the author doesn't think that they deserve the extension.

https://members.jpost.com/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/Magazine/Features/Article.aspx?id=221103
(Doni Rosenzweig, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Requires registration, login

** ISRAEL. IBAíS RADIO REKA MARKS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Radio REKA, Israel Radioís foreign language station, was established so Israeli immigrants could hear news and broadcasts in their native languages. On Thursday it will celebrate its 20th anniversary, broadcasting from a special studio to be set up in the Rami Naim Auditorium in Ashdod, where it will broadcast from noon to 6 pm in Russian, Amharic, English, French, Mugrabian and Georgian.

To mark the occasion, the Jerusalem Post has published an article

about the station. Read the article:
http://www.jpost.com/NationalNews/Article.aspx?id=222932
(May 31st, 2011 - 8:41 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** JAPAN. Dear radio friends, Please see the JSWC Bulletin DX News of the month.

The first topic is about continued suspension of Japan's Radio Nikkei 2nd broadcast during the week. In order to deal with the electric power shortage caused by nuclear power plant accident, Radio Nikkei 2nd broadcast continues to suspend its weekday transmission. They only air a test signal from 2300 to 2325 UT on weekdays Japan time. At present, they air from 2300 through 0900 UT only on Saturdays and Sundays on 3945, 6115 and 9760 kHz.

Radio Nikkei's 1st broadcast is aired from 2225 through 1500 UT on weekdays, and from 2155 through 1200 or 1230 on weekends. Frequencies for 1st broadcast are 3925, 6055 and 9595 kHz.

We are advised to reduce 15 % of electric power usage during the months of July through September. I have changed all light bulbs to LED type and purchased an electric fan to reduce the air-conditioner on time. Major companies decided to work on Saturday and Sunday and take holidays on weekdays when the power consumption is larger than the weekend. We don't have Day-light saving [sic] time, but some companies have announced to work half an hour or an hour earlier this Summer. People here are very much interested in energy saving idea and some people plant an ivy to get shadow from Sun to reduce an air-conditioner on time. We will see how these idea will work in Summer.

This is all for this month (Toshi Ohtake, Japan Short Wave Club, JSWC, P.O.Box 44, Kamakura 248-8691, Japan, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg May 31 via DXLD)

6055, R. Nikkei, 1200-1230* May 29 [Sunday]. Japanese talk to 1229, then close down announcement, giving frequencies with power and callsigns (JOZx); carrier off at exactly 1230:00. Good signal (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list, via DXLD)

** KASHMIR [non]. Hi Glenn, 29-5-2011. The transmission of Radio Pakistan clandestine Voice of Jammu Kashmir Freedom Movement was monitored in Lahore from 1334 to 1350 UT at 3995 kHz. The transmission was via 100 kW transmitter from Islamabad and its target area is Indian-held Kashmir. SINPO was 22222. Noise of the transmitter was very high and at times made it impossible to understand what was being broadcast. Regards (Aslam Javaid, Lahore, Pakistan, WORLD OF RADIO

1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also PAKISTAN

** KOREA NORTH. Kujang. Voice of Korea, 11710 kHz, 31 May '11 at 1041 UT. End of EE broadcast. Very tinny sound. Music, including song "How Beautiful This Land Is," meant to represent the "love of the Korean people for their socialist motherland" where "land-realignment and waterway projects were carried out, mountains are thick with many trees, and land has been reshaped according to the far-reaching plan of the great leader Kim Jong-il." This followed by an installment of "Time-Honored History Brilliant Culture," with today's episode "Ancient Astronomical and Meteorological Observation of Korea" and list of frequencies and targets. [13:31]
http://www.mediafire.com/?0pk05hdd1tjyvf4
(Terry Wilson, MI, Ten-Tec RX320D, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
This was overcome by a much louder spam advertising video, grr (gh)

** KOREA NORTH. 12006, harmonic of Korean jammer of 6003 kHz 24 hrs, noted at 1238 UT May 21. [noise jamming, right?]

11679.814, Pyongyang in Korean at 1246 UT May 21, S=8 signal, and also on 9665.607 kHz at 1300 UT.

9665.517, wandered up to x.521 within two minutes at 2354 UT May 23, S=7 signal.

9665.470 brass music at 2030 UT May 25, S=8 (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6045, Sea Breeze (Shio kaze), ID in Japanese noted on May 25 at 2055-2100 UT, and motor rattle vibration jamming on 6038 to 6048 kHz range, probably from North Korea (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. 15540, May 30 at 2114, R. Kuwait is still on air with Arabic, following English supposed to close at 2100. Much better signal now than // 17550 which stays on at least until 2400. But at 2125 recheck, 15540 was finally off. Slipshod operation.

15540, May 31 at 2044, R. Kuwait inserts the get-out-by-June 30-or-be-deported warning to illegal immigrants. How many of them speaking English are listening to this frequency inside Kuwait? It`s axually a simulcast of AM and FM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LESOTHO. 1197, Family Radio relay, Maseru:
2011/05/22 sun 1558-1620. At 1600, OM singing about Jesus. At 1604 Brother Ray? introducing an evening of repeats from March 10th, and at 1617 offer of a free booklet, just write to Oakland California address. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1527.

2011/05/25 wed 1730-1845 Harold's time, but he's not there. Continuous-loop soothing music, but extremely irritating after an hour of repetition. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1526.

2011/05/26 thu 1735-1840 Harold's time, but he's AWOL again. Continuous choral hymns, no announcements heard. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1526 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. 17725, May 30 at 1513 all I can get is an S3-S5 carrier but no modulation from V. of Africa, which has been typical lately for the nominal 14-16 English as well as Swahili before 14 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [non?]. COMMANDO SOLO ACTIVE AGAIN ON 10404 KHZ

Natoís airborne radio station Commando Solo, broadcasting to Libyan forces and Libyan civilians, is active on shortwave again. Ehard Goddijn reports: ìJust 1026 UTC May 31st 2011 tuned to 10404 kHz USB. They have new messages in English and Arabic right now.î

Later: ìTransmission stopped at 1049 UTC. And the jamming 10 seconds later!! Probably transmission will start again at 1200 UTC and/or 1230 UTC.î (May 31st, 2011 - 10:58 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD)

** LIBYA FREE. LIBYAíS TRIBUTE FM CARRIES ON IN THE FACE OF ATTACKS

Last week, pro-Gaddafi television accused Libyaís new English-language radio station Tribute FM of being a foreign-financed attempt to spread Christianity. Then their studio was bombed with an improvised explosive device (IED). The damage was superficial, but they now have a police escort to and from work.

The National Transitional Council (NTC) have told them to move, but they think that it was the process of getting people in for live interviews that made their location an open secret in the first place, so they would soon get found out somewhere else. The day after, two men were shot and killed on the doorstep of the building opposite, in an attack that they are certain was intended for them.

* Read more from The Guardian
http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/may/29/libya-english-radio-tribute-fm
(May 30th, 2011 - 15:58 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. MADAG¡SCAR, 5010 (carrier+USB), R. Madagasikara, Ambohidrano, 1842-1911, 27/5, Malagasy, talks, songs, newscast at

1900; 35342. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 5995, RTVM, *0556-0630, May 26, sign on with local guitar IS. National Anthem at 0559. Flute IS at 0600 and opening French ID announcements. Rustic local music at 0602. Vernacular talk. Poor. Weak in noisy conditions. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** MAURITANIA. 7245, ORTM is back! Had been missing from SW (not 4845 either), since last log Feb 8 by Graham Bell, South Africa, in DXLD 11-08. It was certainly active in January, per several reports, but the last time I bothered to log it was Dec 27.

7245, May 26 at 0605 with characteristic chanting we always heard before at this time; by 0615 had started talking. Good signal, better than adjacent Vatican 7250. Also heard now by David Sharp, NSW, and Wolfgang B¸schel via USA remotes (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mauritania back on? Hi Everyone, I have been monitoring a station since 0530 on 7245, with Arabic talk by a man and extended recitations, common to ORTM Nouakchott. Now at a very strong level, at 0643. If not Mauritania, it sure sounds like 'em! 26 May (David Sharp, NSW Australia, 0649 UT May 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] Hi everyone, Reference my earlier log 7245, I just heard an ID by a man at 0701, with clear mention of "Mauritanie." 26 May, (David Sharp, ibid.)

7245, R Mauritania, Nouakchott, Quran prayer at 0600 UT May 26, S=9+15dB in NJ. Hi, adjacent 7250 Catholic Vatican Radio in progress, muslim and western church world side by side (on remote units in NJ and FL) 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7245 RF, ORTM Nouakchott, first heard 25 May [sic], just after 0530. Peaking nicely by 0615 or so; usual program of male announcer, intermixed with recitations and nice local music. ID at 0701 with clear mention of "Mauritanie." Heard next day, 26 May, with sudden sign-on, mid-sentence, around 0620 (David Sharp, NSW: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-SW7600GR, PR-D5, ICF-2010, Timewave 599zx, MFJ 1026, MFJ 959C, R30A, Palstar MW550P, SP-2000 speaker. Also 100m noise-reducing aerial and 50m dipole, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I think his dates must be wrong above: 26 May they were on earlier, and 27 May they came on late per his own previous report and mine (gh)

7245, R. Mauritanie, which reactivated May 26, missing again May 27 at 0550, or maybe not supposed to be on that early, but still absent at 0601, 0607 vs. weakened Portugal 7240. Not on 4845 either. However, when I awoke briefly at 0725, 7245 bore a sufficient signal talking in non-Arabic, (or a severely different dialect), much stronger than 7240 Portugal which was still on and audible. Only other listed possibility is Yakutsk, but I think not under current conditions (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, spotted this also on same day 27/5 near same time Glenn at logged time of 0700 UT. Via long path here in Australia. This is typical time for long path reception of west Africa in Eastern Australia. Regards (Ian Baxter, NSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MAURIT¬NIA, 7245, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 0955-1219, 27/5, Arabic, talks, music, news bulletins; 45444. Reactivated; also audible evenings, parallel to 783. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7245, ORTM, 0552-0755, May 28, tune-in to local chants. Arabic music and talk at 0628. Short breaks of local flute and string music. Arabic talk. Good (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX Listening Digest)

7245, May 28 at 0555, R. Mauritanie is on this early with characteristic chanting past 0600. When I tuned past in the previous 5-10 minutes, it was not on. Very little else audible on 41m in disturbed conditions; K-index at 0600 was 3 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7245, ORTM, *0553-0650, May 30, abrupt sign on with local chants. Arabic talk. Fair to good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

7245, MAURITANIA. ORTM, 0548 May 31. Already on with Islamic recitation in Arabic that carried on past 0600. Fair (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 7245, R. Mauritanie, not on yet June 1 at 0550, but had come on by 0559, fair with usual chanting. Brian Alexander caught them signing on at 0555 today. And now no longer any adjacency from PORTUGAL 7240 which has just abandoned SW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

7245, ORTM, *0555-0655, June 1, sign on with local chants. Arabic talk. Rustic local string music and tribal vocals. Fair to good (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot

longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. "XTRA 1360" is just an on-air slogan for the San Diego station that used to be KGB and is now KLSD [1360].

The connection is Clear Channel: while it never owned 690 (and couldn't, being a US company), it programmed the station for a few years under the "XTRA Sports" banner and retained the trademark even after it had to stop programming the Mexican-licensed stations. s (Scott Fybush, May 18, IRCA via DXLD)

Wolfman Jack didn't appear on XETRA (or its predecessor XEAK) in the early days. I've seen that claim many times, but I think it'sjust someone's misunderstanding that's been propagated on the Internet over the years. Wolfman Jack (Bob Smith) started airing on XERB in early '66 (possibly late '65), and became the station's manager that year, converting its non-religious/Spanish hours to a soul format, eventually almost a Wolfman Jack format.

As for 690, it aired some rock programming in 1956 and went top 40 (except for an evening religious block and some other specialty shows in English andSpanish in non-prime time) in either 1956 or '57. It changed to an all-news format on May 6, 1961, and went Beautiful Music on April 2, 1968.

They stayed with that format until September 26, 1980, when they went CHR, changing to oldies around 1984. It was in their oldies/talk hybrid format where they aired Wolfman Jack for a while.

They had brief stints as a news station and with a talk format until settling into sports Talk, I believe around 1990. (When he went national, they were one of the first Rush Limbaugh affiliates; their promos called him Limbo.)

I was outside the area then, but I think they briefly adopted an Adult Standards format in their final days as an English-language station, after XEPRS-1090 (the former XERB) took on the sports talk from John Lynch, who was the man originally behind XETRA's sports-talk flip (Rick Lewis, IRCA via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 55.25 MHz, May 26 around 1730 UT, the sporadic-E MUF is poking up into VHF TV, signs of analog video from the south; 1750 some Spanish audio, and at this time there is NO Es showing on the 6m map! At 1753 I see the `Vale` bug in lower right, the V like a check mark. Axually, the show is `Se Vale`, on network 2, M-F at `noon`: http://www.televisa.com/programas/entretenimiento/079443/se-vale But nothing further developed in TVDX that afternoon when I could monitor.

Tipped by 6m Es map showing activity between here and S California/NW Mexico, May 29 at 1800 I turn on analog TV and do find signal on channel 3 from the WSW, but it was time for lunch and when I got back at 1820, it was gone (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 2 DOUBLE-HOP FM Catches to Southern MEXICO Tonight!!! New Distance Record

Hi Guys: A Great Night for some unexpected double hop E-skip to [from] MEXICO!! Credit for both of these catches should go to JEFF FALCONER, VA3NN of Clinton, ONTARIO. It is he who noticed this opening to Mexico. He logged both of these stations, as well as another on 89.7 from Mexico City, XEOY. I couldn't pull out XEOY, but did hear the other two Stations. I got 5-6 ScreenShots of the RDS READOUT for XHA [sic] Mexico City.

I believe this is a NEW DISTANCE Record for FM for me with Oaxaca being 2,004 Miles from me!! This is the deepest I have ever logged into MEXICO!!

TUNER is SANGEAN HDT-1X. ANTENNA is APS-14 14 Element Beam at 50 Feet

88.9, XHM Mexico City DF, MEXICO, May/31/11, 1929-2000 EST [sic], SPANISH, FR-EXC!! at times female with Spanish news items at tune-in 1929 EST [sic]. Gave Time Checks. RDS READOUT as
"EN 88.9 Noticias Panorama Alejandro Villalva WVO". Lots of mentions of Mexico. In/out for over half hour, man and woman at times with Spanish news items. Have Photos of the RDS READOUT!! Signal was excellent at times!! Deep fades.
NEW STATION, 90 kW, 1927 MILES!! (Double Hop E's)

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89.7, XHOCA Oaxaca, OAX, MEXICO, May/31/11, 1943-1950 EST [sic], SPANISH, FAIR-GOOD. Female with Spanish ballad at tune-in 1943 EST [sic]. Male DJ with talk in SPANISH. Gave TIME CHECK at 1944 EST [sic]. Male DJ Mentioned "OAXACA and mentioned "Grande", into another Spanish Ballad by Female Singer. In/Out past 1950 EST [sic]
NEW STATION 100 KW 2004 MILES!! (Double Hop E's)
(Robert S. Ross, VA3SW, London, Ont., Canada, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** MEXICO. I had not noted any analog Es TV DX during the previous hour, so was not expecting to hear Spanish on odd frequencies on the caradio, June 1 at 1750 UT, first on 100.3 with discussion of global warming. Fadeout around hourtop ID time, of course, but back at 1803 with ad for Restaurant Maximiliano, celebrating its eleventh anniversary, reservations phone -272-23; 1804 a government PSA and

probable ID but could not catch it with fading, ACI from OKC 100.5; then YL DJ. However that ad is a good clue, so I start Googling later, endonde.com leading me to an eatery of that name in Hermosillo, Sonora, plus a 4-digit match on the complete phone number:

RESTAURANT MAXIMILIANO
DirecciÛn: CLLE NAYARIT 97-A Col.5 DE MAYO, C.P.83010
(Sonora, Hermosillo)
TelÈfono: 6622157223

There is also a Maximiliano in Los ¡ngeles, but it just opened this year. More Google hits to directories like endonde, but none near the top from the restaurant itself, to clinch it with anniversary info.

So that makes 100.3 XHSD, StÈreo Cien with 9.8 kW in Hermosillo, per Fred Cant``s all-Mexico FM-by frequency list starting at
http://www.mexicoradiotv.com/frec_fm.htm
FM Atlas never has listed Mexicans by frequency.

I can`t be sure the 100.3 at first with GW discussion was the same station, as that doesn`t seem to fit the program format at
http://www.stereo100.com.mx/programacion.html
but it could have been a brief drop-in among the music.

Of course, on the caradio with vertical antenna I had no clues as to direxion this was coming from. Meanwhile, at 1757 there was also some Spanish on 99.5 until 1759 when the OK station took back over.

One more in Spanish: 97.7 with talk at 1813, as I was fortunately far enough away from Enid`s part 15 `WECS` which is still kid-looping for summer break. Strangely, no foreign Spanish heard on any lower channels, so if affected by Es, they were being blocked, not unlikely with our rather packed dial.

In Hermosillo itself there are no 99.5 and 97.7 stations, but there are some elsewhere in Sonora. A frequent catch here on 97.7 is XHGL in MÈrida, Yucat·n, but apparently not this time (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MICRONESIA. 4755.4, May 26 at 1134, PMA The Cross, characteristic off-frequency carrier just barely detectable, compared to WTWW 5755.0, as PMA is still staying on the air later than before, but too much noise and too weak now. Better chance would be 09-10 UT area if I were ever awake (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) and just in time:

4755.45, The Cross Radio (presumed), 1132-1137* May 29. Tuned in to what sounded like a sermon in progress; off abruptly at 1137*. Fair signal but rough copy in band noise (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge,

Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list, via DXLD)

** MOROCCO. MARROCOS, 199 & 214, SNRT-"A", Azilal, Arabic, talks, Arabic songs; 34453, with QRM de GREAT BRITAIN on 198 upon 199 and FRANCE (MONACO) on 216 upon 214. Surely a transmitter malfunction causing those [non-symmetrical] spurs. [i.e. from 207 kHz nominal]

711.05, SNRT-"R", El Ai˙n, 2141-, 28/5, Castilian, music, talks; 44343, QRM de FRANCE. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. New frequency - 7185.75, Myanma Radio heard May 27 from 1211 to sign off at 1330:21. In vernacular; playing various types of music; fair to good reception; good audio. This is a different transmitter than the ex: 7200.05v, which recently had terribly distorted audio. Again in the portion of the ham band where they should not be! Audio (MP3) of a 2 minute segment of my reception is posted at http://www.box.net/shared/x0eg4zfgo8

Mauno Ritola (Finland) and I were just recently commenting on the strange fact that the 7200.05v transmitter produced a weak spur on about 7185.87, which was first noted by Robin Harwood (Tasmania), and that is very close to todayís strong primary frequency. Believe they must be two different transmitters (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [and non]. MAINTENANCE ON THE CURTAINS OF FLEVO-SW

Dear Friends, Today on the warmest day of the year (until now) i had to pay a visit to a client in Flevoland. To reach him I had to take the road along the Flevo Shortwave transmitter site.

There my attention was drawn at the big crane installation on the premises. Returning an hour later from my client I stopped the car took my camera and took a 2 miles walk through the field to reach the spot on the transmitter site where the works took place.

I placed 16 pictures in Album #02 SW: Europe sites.
Also a video is placed on media fire. If you follow this link :
http://www.mediafire.com/?t9qijwdd1puff

you go to a folder where you find 3 files. 3 files is because mediafire does not accept filer bigger than 100mB. Download the 3 files and glue them together with Winzip or Winrar. Enjoy the film and the pictures (Jan Oosterveen, May 30, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

I thought this site had been dismantled. At least it has been off the

air for a few years. So what is really going on here? Why maintenance? 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Probably dismantling of the curtain antennas (Colin Miller, Ont., June 1, ibid.)

Hi Colin, Hi Glenn, That was what I thought myself. But I've been there for almost 45 minutes to look what they were doing. It did not look like they were dismantling the antenna's. I could see that they were impregnating the cables. it looked like they were painted. Also the bolts of the blocks close to the masts, were fastened. I've asked KPN-Broadcast, the owner of the station by mail what they are doing at the moment. Did not receive an answer yet. Regards, Jan Oosoterveen, ibid.)

Hi Jan, Thanks very much for the photos & video. Finally got to finish downloading the files today & WinRAR so I cold join the files - my JZip program wouldn't do it for me.

Thanks so much for going to the effort of doing this for us all. I sure wish everyone of our members was as enthusiastic as yourself.

I too share Glenn's curiosity about the antennas. I recall the ham radio operation video from Flevo. I'm trying to recall and find reference to the Flevo transmitters. I thought these were removed, but maybe I am wrong. What do you know about the transmitters, Jan?

I know in the case of Sottens, Switzerland that the transmitter was removed and the rotatable antenna stayed in place for many years after for what ever reason. Is really is a curiosity given that the last transmission from Flevo was some 3+ years ago. Hope you receive a reply. Cheers (Ian Baxter, NSW, June 2, ibid.)

Hi Ian, The last Flevo transmissions were on 10/27/2007. In June 2008 the transmitter were dismantled and transported to Wertachtal where (as far as I know) 2 transmitters were rebuilt The rest is kept in store for spare parts. As a matter of fact I'm having a short holiday now. And guess where??? The place is called Ettringen in Bavaria, Germany. My hotel is about 4 miles from the Wertachtal Transmittersite and all transmissions can be heard very clear now on my Sony ICF-SW7600GR. It is now 23.43 hours local time (2143 UT) and I just returned from the site where I took some nice pictures of the antenna's at night. Tomorrow I'm going back and try to shoot a series of pictures of the site which I will (of course) upload to YG. One of the things I want to try is to get in and look around. Regards, (Jan Oosterveen, ibid.)

** NETHERLANDS [and non]. RNWíS JOS… ZEPEDA HONOURED IN LATIN AMERICA

Freedom of speech in the Netherlands and a prison cell in Chile were the main sources of inspiration for the Dutch-Chilean journalist JosÈ Zepeda Varas. Now he has been awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of EncarnaciÛn in Paraguay. Mr Zepeda and Radio Netherlands Worldwide were named as major players in the battle for press freedom and dialogue in Latin America.
Read the full story on our website
http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/rnws-jos%C3%A9-zepeda-honoured-latin-america
(May 31st, 2011 - 16:10 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 9650, RNW in Dutch, parliament report, via Tinang-PHL site, 1300-1327 UT on May 21. Very small bandwidth audio, like 3 kHz small WW II telephone line (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. RADIO NEW ZEALAND MATINEE IDLE JUNE 6

Matinee Idle is a program that turns up from time to time on Radio New Zealand, as a summer replacement show (Summer in NZ being in December and January) and on statutory holidays in New Zealand.

According to its Facebook group, there will be an edition on Monday, June 6 at 12 pm local time in NZ, 0000 UT. The first Monday in June is celebrated as the Queen's Birthday, similar to Canada's Victoria Day (the Monday closest to May 24).

It's always an amusing show, well worth tuning in.
http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/matineeidle

On Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_6941919190

If that link doesn't work, the group is called I (heart) Matinee Idle.
(Fred Waterer, Ont., May 31, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST) On 15720 as below

Updated A-11 schedule of Radio New Zealand International:
0459-0658 on 11725 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg AM to All Pacific
0459-0658 on 11675 RAN 025 kW / 000 deg DRM to All Pacific
0659-0758 on 6170 RAN 050 kW / 035 deg AM to Tonga
0659-0758 on 7440 RAN 025 kW / 035 deg DRM to Tonga
0759-1058 on 6170 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg AM to All Pacific
0759-1058 on 7440 RAN 025 kW / 000 deg DRM to All Pacific
1059-1258 on 9655 RAN 050 kW / 325 deg AM to NW Pac, Timor
1059-1158 on 7440 RAN 025 kW / 325 deg DRM to NW Pac, Timor
1259-1550 on 6170 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg AM to All Pacific
1551-1835 on 7440 RAN 050 kW / 035 deg AM to Cook Isl, Samoa, Fiji

1551-1835 on 6170 RAN 025 kW / 035 deg DRM to Cook Isl, Samoa, Fiji
1836-1850 on 9615 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg AM to All Pacific
1836-1850 on 9890 RAN 025 kW / 000 deg DRM to All Pacific
1851-1950 on 9615 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg AM to All Pacific
1851-2050 on 15720 RAN 025 kW / 000 deg DRM to All Pacific
1951-2050 on 11725 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg AM to All Pacific
2051-2150 on 11725 RAN 050 kW / 035 deg AM to Solomon Islands
2051-2150 on 11675 RAN 025 kW / 035 deg DRM to Solomon Islands
2151-0458 on 15720 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg AM to All Pacific
2151-0458 on 17675 RAN 025 kW / 000 deg DRM to All Pacific
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD) What has changed if any? (gh)

** NEW ZEALAND. 5050/USB, Taupo Weather Radio; 0939-0954*, 22-May; NZ marine weather; brief announcement at s/off; never heard a clear ID but many mentions of NZ. Seemed to center about 5050.07 (Harold Frodge, DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet 27 May via DXLD) So WWRB might draw complaints if it stayed on 5050 past 0400 (gh, DXLD)

** NIGERIA. NIG…RIA, 6089.9, R. Nigeria, Kaduna, 1013-fade/out 1050, 28/5, Vernacular, talks; 25342. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. via Germany, 9610, Hamada Radio International, *0530-0550, May 26, sign on with local music and opening ID announcements. Talk in Hausa. Some local music. Good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** OKLAHOMA. [Re 11-21] TORNADO KNOCKS RADIO STATION OFF AIR AFTER EATING TOWER --- KFOR.com By Ed Doney May 27, 2011

The tornado twisted, crushed and knocked their 500-foot tower to the ground, leaving it in four pieces. (see video)

EL RENO, Okla. -- A Christian radio station is struggling to reach its listeners after its tower was demolished by a tornado Tuesday evening, west of El Reno. The House FM is commercial free and relies completely on listener donations to maintain their radio ministry. The tornado twisted, crushed and knocked their 500-foot tower to the ground, leaving it in four pieces. Despite the disaster, the station is optimistic its loyal listeners in other parts of the state will help them raise $50,000 to buy a new tower that reaches western and southern Oklahoma.

But they also want to continue raising money for tornado victims. "There are listeners we have that lost homes," station manager Don Burns said Thursday. "So however we can partner and help out others, that's the most important thing." Burns says The House FM has been amazed at listener generosity before and wouldn't be surprised if they

came through once again.

http://www.kfor.com/news/kfor-tornado-knocks-radio-station-off-air-after-eating-tower-20110527,0,7316711.story
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

As mentioned in last issue: KZTH 88.5, merely a repeater of 89.7 KJTH Ponca City+. The stories never made that clear (gh, DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 39, KWTV-DT, OKC, normally with News9NOW on 9.2 channel, surprisingly with `Beakman`s World`, science show for kids, humor also appreciated by adults, Saturday May 28 until 1500 UT. 9.2 schedule via Titan shows on Saturdays at 8-11 am CDT = 13-16 UT, they do break away for some E/I shows, no doubt to fulfill their quota, while others ones are running on 9.1. Not so on Sundays. Beakman airs twice (different episodes?) at 1300 and 1430; also, `WITWI Carmen San Diego` at 1400 and 1530 UT. Strangely, for proper proportions I had to switch to Squeezed display, which also meant reduced picture, black borders on all sides, except during commercials. At 1600 back to News9NOW, on 5-hour delay per time bug, (make that Olds), still requiring Squeezing, not normally the case. It`s unusual for the aspect ratio to be changeable on any station`s non-main channel (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 7, KOCO, OKC, had black screen on Suddenlink Enid digital cable, both 5.1 and 5.2 ThisTV, May 28 at 1511 UT. Direct off-the-air showed signal, but too Bad to decode. Suddenlink analog cable ch 5 also was black. Finally at 1524, the latter cut back on, with a crawler mentioning ``technical difficulties, programming to resume soon``, but it already had in that mode, and then on digital cable too, but OTA remained Bad past 1600. Other OKC signals were normal, so KOCO on weaker backup transmitter? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Hi Glenn, 25-5-2011. Radio Pakistan news bulletin in English was monitored from 1700-1710 UT on 3975. The bulletin is relayed daily via a new transmitter from Islamabad by Azad Kashmir Radio Trarkhel (a subsidiary channel of R. Pak) from Radio Pakistan. SINPO was 55555 (Aslam Javaid, Lahore, Pakistan, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
See also KASHMIR [non]

Hi Glenn, The latest position regarding operational status of Radio Pakistan shortwave transmitters at various locations is as follows

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Radio Pakistan Islamabad API 3, 4, 9 (100 kW) active
                         API 5, 6  (250 kW ) active
                         API 1, 2, 7, 8 (100) kW inactive
Radio Pakistan Rawalpindi 10 kW inactive
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Radio Pakistan Peshawar 10 kW inactive
Radio Pakistan Quetta 10 kW inactive

Radio Pakistan Karachi 2 new SW transmitters of 100 kW under installation.

Radio Pakistan Hindi Service was monitored on 30-5-2011 at 9795 kHz from 1045 to 1110 UT. SINPO was 22211. The transmitter used for the service is very noisy and audio is barely comprehendible (Aslam Javaid, Lahore, Pakistan, May 31, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385 with music, and 3205 carrier, May 26 at 1137, but already too late with local sunrise now 1118 UT, almost to its earliest of 1113 in early June. No Aussie on 3210 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 3329.579, 21.5 2305, Ondas del Huallaga with talk, weak (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 29 via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES [and non]. 15620, May 27 at 1453, something in Indonesian atop CCI with SAH, seems Russian; 1454 mentioned SMS. 1511 still CCI but now one is preaching in English, also with slush from defective 15610 WEWN transmitter.

HFCC, Aoki and EiBi agree that the Indonesian is FEBC, Bocaue, 100 kW, 200 degrees at 1400-1530; the Russian is DW via Kigali, RWANDA, 250 kW, switching from 30 to 15 degrees between 1457 and 1500; but nothing scheduled in English, perhaps an aberration from FEBC, for consecutive translation? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENINGN DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. Frequency change of FEBC Radio Teos in Russian from June 1: 1500-1600 NF 11650 FEC 100 kW / 323 deg to RUSS, ex 13620 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES [non]. 15260, fair May 27 at 1431, presumed Urdu talk mentioning Pakistan, ``recording engineer``, impossible to express that in Urdu? Fair signal. This is the new frequency since May 15 of R. Veritas Asia, via VATICAN, 70 degrees back to Pak (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non] Updated summer A-11 of Radio Veritas Asia
Bengali
0030-0057 on 11710 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs
1400-1427 on 11870 PUG 250 kW / 300 deg to SoAs
Burmese
1130-1157 on 15450 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
2330-2357 on 9720 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs

Chin
1430-1457 on 9535 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
Hindi
0030-0057 on 11850 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs
1330-1357 on 11870 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs
Hmong
1200-1227 on 11935 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
Kachin
1230-1257 on 15225 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
2330-2357 on 9645 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
Karen
0000-0027 on 11935 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
1200-1227 on 15225 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
Khmer
1000-1027 on 11850 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
Mandarin
1000-1157 on 9615 PUG 250 kW / 355 deg to EaAs
2100-2257 on 6115 PUG 250 kW / 350 deg to EaAs
Filipino
1500-1557 on 15280 SMG 250 kW / 130 deg to N/ME
2300-2327 on 9720 PUG 250 kW / 331 deg to CeAs
Sinhala
0000-0027 on 9670 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs
0000-0027 on 11850 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs
1330-1357 on 9520 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs
Tamil
0030-0057 on 11935 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs
1400-1427 on 9520 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs
Telugu
0100-0127 on 15530 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs
1430-1457 on 9515 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs
Urdu
0100-0127 on 15280 PUG 250 kW / 300 deg to SoAs
0100-0127 on 17860 PUG 250 kW / 300 deg to SoAs
1430-1457 on 15260 SMG 250 kW / 070 deg to SoAs
Vietnamese
0130-0227 on 15530 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
1030-1127 on 11850 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
1300-1327 on 11850 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
2330-2357 on 9670 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
Zomi-Chin
0130-0157 on 15520 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
1430-1500 on 9620 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 31 May via DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. RDPi em OCurta. Exmo. Senhor:

Desde final de Abril passado que manifestei o m/ completo, veemente

desagrado pela anunciada suspens„o do serviÁo em onda curta da RTP, o ˙nico meio verdadeiramente nacional de que dispomos para difundir a lÌngua, a cultura e manter contactos com os falantes de portuguÍs espalhados por esse mundo.

Temo que a suspens„o, cujo perÌodo se iniciar· j· a partir de 01Jun'11, venha a transformar-se em supress„o, pura e simples.

Ciente de que n„o cabe ao Provedor alterar o pedido de suspens„o - prontamente satisfeito pela tutela e cuja reacÁ„o n„o dever· causar a menor estranheza -, nem para tal est· munido de meios, sugiro, contudo, que exerÁa a sua funÁ„o no sentido de pressionar a iluminada administraÁ„o da RTP, por um lado, e de n„o esquecer o tema nas suas rubricas semanais, por outro.

O que escrevi em 26Abr'11 e bem assim desenvolvimentos e mensagens / coment· rios de outros igualmente indignados pela suspens„o poder· ser encontrado em:
http://br.groups.yahoo.com/group/radioescutas/?yguid=214890592
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/
[archives of the above two are not open to non-subscribers/members]
http://www.worldofradio.com/dxldmid.html
http://ct2ket.blogspot.com/

Opto por n„o reproduzir tudo o que foi ventilado para n„o alongar excessivamente este meu escrito e, naturalmente, porque os coment·rios n„o se esgotaram; ainda hoje, 25/5, foi inserido mais um, v.g. no grupo brasileiro Radioescutas.

Espero e È meu desejo que a RTP seja aliviada da sua actual administraÁ„o no mais curto espaÁo de tempo possÌvel, e que a prÛxima (infelizmente, a RTP È uma empresa, n„o um mero serviÁo de radiodifus„o estatal) reverta a situaÁ„o face ‡ Onda Curta, tendo em conta o que a prÛpria RDP/RTP inseriu na sua p·g.™ internet, e que contraria em absoluto o que os l˙cidos espÌritos da adm. pretenderam invocar e alegar, mas que n„o convencem, salvo os igualmente desprovidos de determinados atributos, ou seja:

"1- QUAL A COBERTURA DA RDP VIA SAT…LITE?

A RDP assegura uma rede de 6 satÈlites que permitem a livre recepÁ„o da RDP Internacional em qualquer parte do mundo e da RDP ¡frica no continente africano e da Antena 1 na Europa e na ¡sia e Oce‚nia.

2- POSSO CAPTAR A RDP Internacional COM A MINHA ANTENA PARAB”LICA?

Se est· na Europa ou na AmÈrica do Norte, Hawai ou AmÈrica do Sul poder· captar a RDPi com uma antena parabÛlica de pequenas dimensıes,

um receptor digital e um televisor. Se, pelo contr·rio, se encontra em ¡frica, ou na ¡sia e Oce,nia ter· que recorrer a uma antena parabÛlica de grandes dimensıes (cerca de 3 metros) dado que estas transmissıes s„o especialmente destinadas a retransmissıes profissionais. "

e ainda isto

"9- PORQUE SE UTILIZAM AS ONDAS CURTAS? N√O BASTA A TRANSMISS√O VIA SAT…LITE OU ATRAV…S DA INTERNET?

Se bem que a Internet seja um meio excepcional de comunicaÁ„o deve-se notar que um grande n˙mero de pessoas n„o dispıe sequer de telefone, quanto mais de ligaÁ„o ‡ Internet. A transmiss„o por satÈlite È igualmente um excelente meio de comunicaÁ„o que, no entanto, necessita de equipamentos elaborados e dispendiosos. Na verdade, as Ondas Curtas s„o utilizadas h· muitos anos e apresentam grandes vantagens. Os receptores de OC tÍm um preÁo acessÌvel, s„o port·teis e utiliz·veis em numerosas partes do mundo. Embora a RDP Internacional seja transmitida via satÈlite e Internet, as Ondas Curtas continuam a ser a melhor escolha no sentido de se atingirem v·rias regiıes do globo."

Atentamente, (Carlos GonÁalves, Lisboa, May 25, cc via radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Re: RDPi em OCurta. A data fatidica se aproxima

Fico muito triste com esta espectativa que h· na Europa de sistematicamente desativar todos os serviÁos de Ondas\Curtas. Depois dos nÛrdicos, agora È avez da peninsula ibÈrica e adjacÍncias. As questıes da unificaÁ„o da comunidade europÈia agora mostra a sua face mais cruel e real, nem todos conseguem cumprir os requisitos daquela uni„o, e os menos integrados est„o pagando um preÁo que os beneficiados n„o querem suportar, essa È a realidade.

Agora a RTP tambÈm cortou o sinal FTA do Galaxy28 que sempre vinha com o som da RDP no canal suporte, nem um e nem outro sÛ para quem assina o pacote das TV pagas, infelizmente esta È a realidade, agora sÛ me resta a internet http://www.radios.com.br - È avida (Cezar Camillo Alves Pelzer, Brazil, 29 May, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

A travÈs del colega Yimber Gaviria otra noticia sobre un echo reiterado. Y pensar que esta emisora, la ex Radio Nacional de Portugal, transmitÌa en espaÒol en la dÈcada de los aÒos '70, tenÌa un programa DX y sus tarjetas QSL eran ejemplares !!!! Encima, la culpa la vamos a tener nosotros! (RubÈn Gullermo Margenet, Argentina, condiglist yg via DXLD)

A high-resolution image of R. Portugal`s extravagant QSL card is #1 in

gh`s gallery: http://www.worldofradio.com/QSL.html (gh)

Gravei uma transmiss„o desta emissora em:
11940 kHz - 25m - 25/05/2011
Veja: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YsGgkGRVU8

73 (Marcos - SWARL - PY5016SWL, http://www.qrz.com/db/py5016swl
Curitiba/PR/ Brasil, South America, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

RDPI - Cair· no esquecimento? N„o tive acesso a qualquer dado estatÌstico sobre casos similares, ou seja, considerando que as ondas curtas se foram, como ficar„o os acessos Web? Ser· que os hits nas p·ginas da RDPI aumentar„o? Ou a emissora ser· naturalmente esquecida pelos radioescutas? (Sarmento Campos, Brasil, 1 June, ibid.)

Sarmento, Se todas emissoras de OC passar para web, acho que ser· esquecida pelo radioescuta porque n„o vai ter mais graÁa, n„o vai precisar antenas, acopladores, amplificadores e outros equipamentos usados. A graÁa de ser radioescuta n„o È, em partes, a mesma de ser radioamador onde vocÍ mesmo fabrica seus equipamentos (digo acessÛrios)? E aquela coisa de receber a emissora bem baixinho e vocÍ tentando melhorar a recepÁ„o e tudo mais?

Eu n„o escuto r·dio atravÈs da web e pretendo continuar assim; pelo menos da minha parte sÛ ter· lembranÁas de quando era bom ouvir r·dio. AbraÁos, Picco (Luiz Daniel Picco, Brasil, 1 June, ibid.)

15560, Saturday May 28 at 1408, RDPI with SW, satellite and internet parameters; weekend-only service, only fair signal now due to K=6, propagation disturbance. Carlos GonÁalves expects RDPI to go off SW in a few days, temporarily, probably becoming permanently.

Tnx to tip from Mike Barraclough, via Media Network blog this has just been confirmed:

``RDP TO SUSPEND SHORTWAVE TRANSMISSIONS FROM 1 JUNE
  May 28th, 2011 - 10:47 UTC by Andy Sennitt.

Portuguese public broadcaster RDP confirmed yesterday it is temporarily suspending its shortwave transmissions as of 1 June because of the low number of listeners and as a means of cutting costs. RDP said it would be reviewing the service to see whether it would go back on air at a later date. Listeners around the world can still follow their favourite programmes via satellite, cable and Internet.

The Portuguese broadcaster said it is ìjust one of many global broadcasters who are reducing or closing their SW transmissionsî.

(Source: The Portugal News)``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I think RDPi will likely be gone for good on SW. The Portuguese government is facing a huge budget crisis, which isn't going away anytime soon. The money is not there any more to maintain SW to a shrinking audience. Sad, but technological change and financing issues have finally caught up to this broadcaster, like so many others.

Radio Budapest "suspended" its transmissions last July. No sign of them since (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DXLD)

Steve, It seems you insist on the financial aspect of the whole thing. Perhaps you should read what's been reported/commented by me for instance, so that you understand why SW was simply chosen to become the scapegoat within the RTP. I am referring to my texts in English, but especially the main comment in Portuguese, dated 26 Apr; I suggest you consider that one in particular.

While it is undeniable the current government as well as many others since April, 1974, caused the situation we're in now, the RTP issue is not entirely linked; otherwise there would be plenty there to cut instead of halting SW.

And it is also undeniable that our economical situation is simply as "good" as that of a handful of US states, which is something many Americans possibly ignore or tend to ignore; as if the Federal government had not a huge deficit in their hands which, again, is a detail many of you may ignore (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, May 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) ignore = be unaware of? (gh)

RTP SUSPENDE EMISS’ES DA RDP INTERNACIONAL EM ONDA CURTA - MEDIA - PUBLICO.PT
http://www.publico.pt/Media/rtp-suspende-emissoes-da-rdp-internacional-em-onda-curta_1496937
or
http://tinyurl.com/4ykg5yv

No more RDPi on shortwave. A merchant marine commander complains; His union, however, does not. Go figure (via Carlos A. Coimbra, Ont., June 1, DXLD) Viz.:

Decis„o polÈmica
RTP suspende emissıes da RDP Internacional em onda curta
01.06.2011 - 08:29 Por Lusa

ªA RTP suspende hoje as emissıes da RDP Internacional na Onda Curta, alegando como motivos a reduÁ„o do n˙mero de ouvintes e a vontade de

diminuir os custos.

ìEsta decis„o teve por base um conjunto de factores como a diminuiÁ„o dos ouvintes servidos por esta plataforma de distribuiÁ„o, os custos acrescidos dos ˙ltimos anos e as necessidades de investimentos para melhoria das estaÁıesî, explicou em comunicado a RTP.

De acordo com o documento, a situaÁ„o ìn„o inviabiliza a captaÁ„o das emissıes da RDP Internacional pelos ouvintesî, uma vez que ìesta È assegurada atravÈs de satÈlite, cabo, DTH [direct to home via satellite] e internetî.

Esta È a alternativa apontada pela RTP, uma vez que tem custos menores e maior qualidade de emiss„o e serve a esmagadora maioria dos ouvintes da RDP Internacional.

Contudo, segundo o comandante da Marinha Mercante portuguesa Adelino Laranjeira, a decis„o de cortar as emissıes da RDP Internacional em onda curta ìdeixa muita gente que anda no mar sem coberturaî de r·dio em portuguÍs.

ìN„o podemos esquecer que somos 15 milhıes de portugueses, dos quais 5 milhıes na di·spora, desde o Norte da Europa ‡ Austr·lia, passando pelas AmÈricas e por ¡frica. Ao deixarem a RDP Internacional sÛ na Internet est„o a deixar muita gente fora da coberturaî, disse Adelino Laranjeira.

TambÈm o presidente do Conselho Permanente das Comunidades Portuguesas, Fernando Gomes, afirmou hoje ‡ AgÍncia Lusa em Macau que a suspens„o das emissıes da RDP Internacional na Onda Curta È ìmais um atropeloî ao interesse da comunidade portuguesa.

Para o respons·vel, a suspens„o das emissıes, que entra hoje em vigor, ìÈ quase um pecado mortal contra a comunidadeî, atÈ porque h· pessoas que ìusam muito a Onda Curtaî, sustentou, dando o exemplo de quem vive longe dos centros urbanos ou dos camionistas que se encontram fora do paÌs.

ìAcho que È mais um daqueles atentados ‡ prestaÁ„o do serviÁo ‡ comunidade portuguesaî, avaliou Fernando Gomes, ao notar que, ìde uma forma continuada, as polÌticas oficiais tÍm sido de supress„o e diminuiÁ„o de prestaÁ„o de serviÁo ‡ comunidade portuguesa na di·sporaî.

Fernando Gomes considerou, porÈm, que h· outras ìformasî de cortar nos gastos: ìPorque È que n„o se suspende a onda mÈdia, que È a AM, em vez da onda curta, que tem um alcance extra-continental?î, questionou.

ìAinda por cima, em 2005, foi feito um grande investimento com a criaÁ„o do centro emissorî de S„o Gabriel, prÛximo de Pegıes, que ìfoi, na altura, um investimento de vulto para [que houvesse um] maior alcance do mundo, do universo da onda curta, da comunidade portuguesa pelo mundo fora e agora suspende-seî, criticou.

O corte, para j· a tÌtulo provisÛrio, ìvai afectar sempreî alguÈm, figurando como ìmais uma daquelas situaÁıes de que quem decide n„o est· a par daquilo que ir· consequentemente provocarî, afirmou Fernando Gomes, referindo que o Conselho Permanente ìn„o foi consultado nem ouvidoî.

ì… uma desconsideraÁ„o grande da parte de quem manda porque esquecem que a RDP tem uma obrigaÁ„o de prestaÁ„o de serviÁo p˙blicoî, criticou, ao salientar que, nos ˙ltimos cinco anos, n„o se ouviu qualquer ìpalavra de agrado ou interesse para a comunidadeî vinda do Governo.

Por isso, Fernando Gomes lanÁa um ìapelo de consciÍnciaî aos emigrantes para que ìfaÁam a sua reflex„oî na hora de votar, ponderando sobre ìquem tem feito bem e quem tem feito malî aos portugueses no estrangeiro.

J· o presidente da AssociaÁ„o Portuguesa de Radiodifus„o considerou positivo o fim das emissıes em onda curta, afirmando que ìj· ninguÈm ouviaî esse serviÁo, que era demasiado caro e irrelevante

[The president of the Portuguese Broadcasting Association considers the end of shortwave broadcasts to be positive, affirming that `nobody listened` to that service, which was too expensive and irrelevant`` --- translated by gh for WORLD OF RADIO 1567]

TambÈm o Sindicato dos Capit„es e Oficiais da Marinha Mercante considera que o fim das emissıes da RDP-Internacional em Onda Curta ìn„o È graveî no que toca aos navios nacionais, j· que est„o ìpraticamente reduzidosî ‡s dist,ncias atÈ aos AÁores e Madeira.

NotÌcia actualizada ‡s 10h14 (via Coimbra, DXLD)

17575, RDPI, May 31 at 1329, fair at best, with wonderful Portuguese music we shall sorely miss after this last day on SW; weaker during the following hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[however, a few broadcasts via Sines are still on SW; see DXLD yg and next issue]

** ROMANIA. 15210, May 26 at 1141, RRI with Romanian folk music, English announcement for ``The Bagpipers``, axually vocal music; fair

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. ======== Moscow ---------- * 810 kHz. 10 kW. Transmitter in Kurkino. World Radio. Rebroadcasting VOA and Radio France International. UTC
0200-1300 Voice of America. English.
1300-1330 Radio France Internationale. Russian language.
1330-1500 Voice of America. English.
1500-1530 Radio France Internationale. Russian language.
1530-1800 Voice of America. English.
1800-1900 Radio France Internationale. Russian language.
(Editor, Thanks for the help Konstantin Gusev and Sergey Izyumov RusDX May 22 via DXLD)

** SARAWAK [non]. 30-5, 11665, RTM S'wak relay, 1918 with S9 // 9835 with S5 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also MALAYSIA

** SARAWAK [non]. **QSL**, CLANDESTINE - 6205 R. Free Sarawak. PPC via Switzerland address (Socinstrasse 37, 4051 Basel) in 8 (!) days. V/S Bruno Manser Fonds. Requested xmtr location but it was not given. Requested current sked but not given either. My report was for a February log (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx via DXLD) And long gone from this frequency (gh)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 15435, May 30 at 1455, buzzless BSKSA in Arabic already on ahead of nominal *1500, good signal. They no longer have to worry about overlapping with RVA via Vatican in Urdu, (if they ever did), since that moved mid-May to 15260 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS - 5019.87 SIBC (presumed), 1119-1200 May 21. English talk with occasional vocal music to 1200, then apparent closedown announcement; open carrier to 1206, then off. Poor (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 7285, Radio Sonder Grense. Meyerton:
2011/05/22 sun 0530-0550 Afrikaans talk and classical music. Just fair; not causing problems today [such as spurs 7255, 7315]. Same at later check, 0745. Trouble only seems to start when we receive a good strong signal in Joburg. Jo'burg sunrise 0443.

2011/05/29 sun 0640-0703 Afrikaans. Churchy and other classical / light orchestral music. At 0700, a prayer. Good, but not causing interference today. Jo'burg sunrise 0446 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 9385, May 28 at 1306 as I tune by WWRB, Brother Scare is asking for ``radio checks`` on 15.795, the other new WWRB frequency, which as far as we know has been off the air for a couple days. No way to be sure if it is on now, as propagation is extremely disturbed, K=6 at 1200, and very little making it on 15 MHz, not even neighbor 15825 WWCR which no doubt is really on. Neither audible at 1407; however, BS could be heard on WBCQ 15420-CUSB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 15795 WWRB missing: see U S A

** SPAIN [and non]. At 1430, news in French, English and Arabic (no Portuguese). On the previous day (Thursday), Portuguese was first aired, followed by French, English and Arabic (JM Aubier - France, May 27, dxldyg via DXLD) Latter is standard -1440; on 17595, etc. (gh, DXLD)

17850, VG signal Sunday May 29 at 1233, REE via COSTA RICA with `Amigos de la Onda Corta` underway, not pre-empted this week, with station contact info for SW-or-not survey, then feature on radio musea. 1245 also audible poorly on // 9765, and even worse on 11815 vs NHK, with monthly propagation predixions for June, what to expect on each SW band in each hemisphere. I am not convinced there is much usefulness to this generalized approach. Does anyone axually tune only to the bands specified, not try the others?

Sought 11880 first, normally best frequency for this broadcast, but it was MIA. Per official schedule
http://www.rtve.es/contenidos/documentos/frecuencias032011.pdf
and usual practice, it`s absent on Saturdays only but this was Sunday; and 17850 supposedly does not start until 1500 on Sundays, 1600 on Saturdays, 1800 on weekdays! Perhaps a mixup or skewed by some ensuing Sunday sporting special.

15385, checking for the weekly EmisiÛn Sefarad from REE, scheduled for Mondays 1425-1455 to the ME: May 30 nothing there until *1424:55 carrier on, and no modulation until JIP at 1432:30! Mostly talk in Ladino, a bit of nice music at 1444, and off at 1455*. What a shame when you are on only once a week the techs mess up like this.

This just in from DXLD correspondent Marty DelfÌn in Madrid, who works for a major newspaper:

``Hi Glenn, I just participated in a new program on Radio Exterior de EspaÒa in English with Justin Coe called "Press Talk"; it is a new feature about the week's news events in Spain. It will be a regular program on Mondays but I will be on every so often as an invited panelist. The first program goes out tonight Monday. Did you know that Deanelle Baker retired two weeks ago after 49 years at REE? I just found out today. She was the longest serving employee in the entire

Radio Nacional complex.``

WRTH shows REE English:
0000-0100 daily NAm 6055nob
1900-2000 mtwtf.. Af 11610nob
1900-2000 mtwtf.. Eu 9665nob
2100-2200 .....ss Eu 9650nob

REE English broadcast on 6055 scheduled for 0000-0100 is missing this evening (UT Tues May 31). I checked elsewhere in the 49 metre band to see if it had moved away from Arnie Coro but to no avail. Is there a strike going on today? (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, ODXA yg via DXLD)

9675, May 31 at 0537, REE COSTA RICA relay is again on wrong frequency instead of 9630, in `Paisajes y Sabores` program; suffered from even stronger WYFR 9680 ACI, but left 9625 unQRMed for CBC NQ open carrier; unfortunately, that was also missing today. Do they forget at Cariari what season is in progress? 9675 was the B-10 channel.

As for Marty DelfÌn`s appearance on REE English at 0000 UT Tuesday, Mark Coady in Ontario found 6055 absent on UT May 31. I suppose we should check the alternate frequency for that, 5970, used last winter, altho not currently registered. Fortunately, these are archived via http://www.rtve.es/podcast/radio-exterior/emision-en-ingles/

30 Mayo 2011 English language broadcast - 30/05/11
Escuchar English language broadcast - 30/05/11 direct link:
http://www.rtve.es/alacarta/audios/emision-en-ingles/english-language-broadcast-30-05-11/1116067/
with `Press Talk` starting 13 minutes into the hour:

``After the news and sports comes the first edition of Press Talk, in which Justin Coe and Frank Smith talk to the program's guests, journalists Martin Delfin of the English edition of El PaÌs newspaper and freelance journalist Gil Carbajal, about events being covered in the Spanish press, the foremost of which is the change of leadership in Spain's governing Socialist Workers Party``.

Marty is the one with an American accent other than Coe. This lasted until :37, then `North by Southwest`, ``a taste of Britain in Spain`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6055 at 0000 on June 1 REE is on the air but opened with IS and English service closing announcements then brief OC and English service opening announcements at 0001. Someone either in the studio or at the transmitter is really screwing up (Mark Coady, Ont., NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD) So did it stay on with the English hour

anyway? (gh, DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 7189.759, SLBC Colombo Ekala tuned at morning Hindi service start 0020 UT May 24, S=7 with low modulation, hymn "Sri Lanka Matha, apa Sri Lanka, Namo Namo Namo Namo Matha" {remembrance on my visit to Ceylon in 1972}. Transmitter wandered down frequency to x.751 at 0037 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

15745.01, SLBC, 0150-0220, June 1, English programming with country music. ID and English news at 0206. Fair (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 7200, SRTC, *0237-0400, May 30, abrupt sign on with local chants. Arabic talk. Some traditional Arabic music. Noticed off the air for a minute or two at approximately 0301. Back on the air at 0303. Fair but some occasional HAM QRM (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. 13620, May 29 at 0430, R. Dabanga via MADAGASCAR, opening with neat station song, and no tone jammer this time, but a brief Bronx-cheer, ute? 0522 still jamming-free. May well be due to propagation disruption from higher latitude further north whence jamming originate.

13620, May 30 at 0512, R. Dabanga via MADAGASCAR, again with tone-jammer audible weakly under; probably was still there yesterday, just not propagating. At 0513, 13730 with a very poor signal seems // 13620 but not synchronized, and no jamming audible, so has RD not really moved to 15550 via UAE as registered? Nothing audible there but 13730 was not usually audible either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. Frequency changes of WRN station:
Sudanese Youth Radio in Arabic Tue/Thu/Sat, but really not on air:
1530-1600 NF 17590 KCH 300 kW / 160 deg to EaAf, ex 15540
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD) KCH = PRIDNESTROVYE

** SUDAN [non]. BELGIUM [non]. Some TDP changes:
Radio Miraya FM in English/Arabic, new from June 1:
0300-0600 NF 11560 SMF 250 kW / 180 deg to EaAf, ex 9670 via RSO, SVK
1400-1700 on 15710 SMF 100 kW / 180 deg to EaAf, ex same via RSO, SVK
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD)

These two broadcasts are indeed on the TDP schedule now,
http://www.airtime.be/schedule.html
which means that Miraya FM, from and back to SUDAN, has left IRRS;
that explains the extra frequencies heard testing several weeks ago.

SMF of course really means Mikolayiv, UKRAINE. We`ve noted 15710 with a better signal here.

And the NEXUS-IBA schedule effective June 1 shows nothing but 7290 and 9510 for other transmissions:
http://www.nexus.org/NEXUS-IBA/Schedules/IRRS-SW_A11.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. Radio Nord Revival is on the air again May 27-May 29. They will be broadcasting from the museum ship SS Sankt Erik.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Sankt_Erik

Medium wave is 1512, 2.5 kW from Kvarnberget (Stockholm) and also on the original Radio Nord channel, 603 from Sala (the same location as the shortwave transmitter).

Shortwave is 10 kW, frequencies are here:
http://radionordrevival.blogspot.com/2011/05/radio-nord-revival-shortwave.html
(Mike Barraclough, May 26, worlddxclub yg via DXLD)

FREQUENCY SCHEDULE FOR RADIO NORD REVIVAL
from http://www.radionordrevival.blogspot.com/ this morning:

It's raining in Stockholm today. A lot. Anyway, today Friday during the morning we will be on the air on 1512 kHz from Kvarnberget and from Sala, the transmissions will start on 603 kHz around 1800 SST (1600 UT).

Preliminary SW schedule 1800-2000 SST [1600-1800 UT] on 7385 kHz and 2000-2200 SST [1800-2000 UT] on 9940 kHz. Please report in this blog how you are receiving us and if there is any interference from other stations. We will be able to change frequency at short notice if needed. Good listening! [Upplagd av Ronny B Goode kl. 08:31]

http://radionordrevival.blogspot.com/2011/05/frequency-schedule-for-radio-nord.html
(Via Alan Pennington, UK, May 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I want to get this report dispatched before 1800, but the R. Nord Revival says it will be on 9940 at 18-20 UT May 27. Latest details:
http://radionordrevival.blogspot.com/2011/05/frequency-schedule-for-radio-nord.html

``Radio Nord now (1715 UT) audible with fair signal on 7485 (not 7385 as their blog said this morning). Audible in AM + lsb (not usb). Clear channel here now RFE Tajik has signed off. --- Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ longwire``, to DXLD yg.

Note that this revival has been scheduled at the worst possible time for propagation: SWPC predicts K indices reaching 4, solar flux at the lowest of 80-85 during these three days (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7485, Radio Nord Revival, 1750-1810, 27-05, fair to weak signal here in the NW of Spain. Pop music and some comments in Swedish. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Now on 9940 (lsb+AM) as scheduled, though appeared late around 1810 UTC. SINPO here in southern England 35433 (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ / longwire, ibid.)

Radio Nord now, 1840 UT, 9940 kHz here with weak to fair signal, best in LSB, music and Swedish, ID "Radio Nord" (Manuel MÈndez, ibid.)

9940. Radio Nord (presumed), 1913, talk by a man and later a conversation by a man and a woman, playing older music, including "C'est Si Bon" at 1917 (brief audio cut during the song). Running AM+LSB only. 27 May (David Sharp, NSW Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Later fleshed-out report:

9940, Radio Nord, 1913, happy to hear this, and with a good signal, to boot! Running AM+LSB, with a program of "older" music, hosted by a woman. A few of the songs I recognized, include: "C'est Si Bon" at 1917, possible rendition of "Hello, Dolly" at 1925, then Irving Berlin's "Change Partners" at 1927. Also heard (presumed Swedish) cover of Bobby Vee's "Rubber Ball" at 1939, instrumental version of "Twilight Time" at 1947 and Cliff Richard's "The Young Ones" at 1955. Rapid fade-out after 2000. Very pleased with this. 27 May (David Sharp, NSW: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-SW7600GR, PR-D5, ICF-2010, Timewave 599zx, MFJ 1026, MFJ 959C, R30A, Palstar MW550P, SP-2000 speaker. Also 100m noise-reducing aerial and 50m dipole, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9940, Radio Nord, 2130-2203*, May 27, carrier + LSB. Lite music. Talk. Presumed. Threshold signal. Improved to very weak levels by 2200 but still too weak to pull out any further details (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX Listening Digest)

[and non]. Not really expecting to hear it, and so fulfilled, the R. Nord Revival. May 27 supposed to start using 9940-CLSB at 1800, but nothing heard. On their blog, later reports from Europe indicated they signed on several minutes late. But few if any reports from North America, altho they stayed on late until at least 2145 UT.

And supposed to resume at 0400 May 28 on 9340-CLSB. Not checked until 0543, but no chance with huge signal from WBCQ 9330-CUSB carrying

GFRN/2:11, not dead air. WBCQ`s USB is really skewed, extending far above normal USB bandwidth. If something had been on 9320, there would have been no problem from WBCQ.

As I said before, R. Nord picked the worst possible dates to revive, SWPC predicting K-indices reaching 4 all three dates. But that was an underestimate. At 1419 UT on 10000, WWV reported solar flux 90 yesterday, K=6 at 1200 today, G2 geomagnetic storms now and in the future. At 1500, K=5. Reception generally very poor, with all hi-latitude signals gone, nearer ones weaker, only predominantly southern paths still open on lower bands; even 17680 Chile was weakened.

Almost all the reports for May 28 on the blog,
http://radionordrevival.blogspot.com/2011/05/frequency-schedule-for-radio-nord.html
continue to be from Europe, including the third harmonic of MW 1512 which last time R. Nord said they would certainly suppress, 4536 kHz. As of 1415 UT it was on 7360, unstated if they will resume 9940-CLSB from 1800v UT again Saturday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9340, Radio Nord, *0359-0445, May 28, carrier + LSB. Sign on with lite instrumental music. Talk. Time pips at 0401 and lite oldies pop music. Talk. Presumed. Too weak to pull out any further details (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R Nord Revival now on 7360 khz, heard (in lsb + AM) from tune-in at 0850 UT. Weak signal here on a clear channel. Best in lsb. Talk in Swedish, with Radio Nord jingle/ID heard just before 0900. Not sure of their frequency schedule today but presume they will move up to 9940 / 9930 kHz at some point which should be stronger here. Other allocated frequencies are 7320/7360/7485. 73s (Dave Kenny, 0912 UT May 28, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

R Nord Revival - switching to 31mb 1800 UT
Radio Nord Revival shifting frequency on SW

We have received reports that 7360 kHz has been barely audible / inaudible in many parts of Sweden but is coming through well over larger distances. At 2000 CET/SST (1800 UT) we will shift to one of the 31 mb frequencies. Could you please monitor the frequencies 9340, 9930 and 9940 kHz and comment in this blog whether any of these channels is free from interference in your area. We will be closing down for shifting antenna at about 1945 CET/SST (1745 UT) and we will choose the frequency which looks best. After we have started broadcasting in the 31 mb we would appreciate reports of reception in your area. Please comment in the blog. Is there any difference in signal strength compared to 7360 kHz? Obviously propagation is quite

disturbed at the moment. Thank you for your support and keep listening! 73 from the Radio Nord Revival team.

Upplagd av Ronny B Goode kl. 18:49
http://radionordrevival.blogspot.com/2011/05/radio-nord-revival-shifting-frequency.html
(via Alan Pennington, UK, 1720 UT, ibid.)

They started on 9930 kHz LSB at 1800 UT. 73 (Harald Kuhl, Germany, 1806 UT, ibid.)

Unfortunately 9930 weak here in southern England and suffering splatter from very strong Family Radio on 9925 kHz from Wertachtal Germany (continuous music). Would be OK if Radio Nord was on usb but only lsb+carrier: -(Not sure why they didn't use 9940 as they had good reports on that yesterday evening? (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ / longwire, 1824 UT May 28, ibid.)

You are right: 9930 USB or 9940 would have been a better choice. Also now here in Germany heavy QRM from 9925 kHz. 73 (Harald Kuhl, 1828 UT, ibid.)

R Nord have switched to 9940 kHz now with an excellent signal here after 1930 UT. If anyone hasn't managed to hear this yet now is probably your best chance as the signal is strong and clear at the moment. 73s (Dave Kenny, 1952 UT, ibid.)

Yep, here in southern Finland R Nord 7485 AM/L at 1750, OK but fady signal (Jari Savolainen, May 27, ibid.)

Radio Nord - 9940 khz LSB --- 1942 UT, Good, clear signal, very slight fading here near Chorley, UK. Nice show, very enjoyable. SINPO 45444 (swlistener, May 27, ibid.)

Nice reception in downtown Rome on a bus taking me from the railway station to the hinterland. 2045z on 9940 am with usb suppressed. Weak with gold peaks. Rock'n'roll. Amazingly clear considering reception cx. On a Tecsun 660 (Andy in Rome Lawendel, May 27, ibid.)

Radio Nord 9940 via Global Tuner, St Margaret's Bay N.S. tuned 1948 with threshold signal. Good carrier but very weak audio. After 2010 improved gradually to S3 by 2108 tune out. Mostly Swedish(?) announcements by man but after 2035 heard both SS [Spanish, or Swedish in context??] and English announcements and even what sounded like a commercial by man and woman at 2051. Good English ID at 2102 followed by more announcements in English. Lots of instrumental jazz/accordion type music as well as older pop vocals (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA, May 27, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

It seems there was little or no reception in North America. I checked at 1800, but may not have been there when it finally came on late. However according to the station blog, it was on 9940 at least until 2145 UT, and next:

``SW transmitter closed down for tonight. Start tomorrow at 0400 GMT on 9340 kc. At 0600 GMT 7360 kc. 603 kc now running and will be on air all night long (Bernt, Transmitter site Sala, 28 maj 2011 00:25``

Whatever became of their plan to operate in between on frequencies chosen for North America, when reception should be best possible here? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Nord, central Italy --- Apparently we have the right skip distance here in Velletri south east of Rome. Good signal on 7360 too with my Tecsun 660 (Andy Lawendel, 0646 UT May 28, ibid.)

7360, 28.5 1036, R Nord Revival i LSB med Nacka Skoglund och ìvi h‰nger meî. Lokalstyrka.

9930, 28.5 1900, R Nord Revival i LSB med nÂn svensl lÂt. Ganska svag men klart uppfattbar (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 29 via DXLD)

[Logs of 27 and 29 May:] 7485, Radio Nord, 1750-1810, 27-05, pop music and comments in Swedish. Fair to weak. 24322. Also 9940, 1900-1940, 27-05, pop music, comments, female and male, Swedish, "Radio Nord". Weak to fair. 24322 to 34433. Also 9940, 0610-0630, 29-05, comments in Swedish by man and female, pop music, ID. "Radio Nord". 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9930.02, 1840-1850 28.05, R Nord Revival, Sala (10 kW), Swedish ann, Swedish traditional songs and classical music, 24232, QRM WYFR 9925 (Anker Petersen, heard in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire after my return from the DSWCI AGM and DX-Camp in Vejers Strand, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

7485.01, 0815-1050 29.05, R Nord Revival, Sala (10 kW) Swedish ann, ID, traditional Swedish songs, classical music, talk, 35333 (Anker Petersen, heard in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire after my return from the DSWCI AGM and DX-Camp in Vejers Strand, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

R Nord Revival - now on 7485 kHz. Radio Nord is using 7485 kHz this morning, from 0800 UT. Reception fair here at 0850 tune-in on a clear

channel, SIO 243. 73 (Dave Kenny, 0859 UT May 29, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Radio Nord Revival has switched back to 9940 kHz (from 7485) and is currently giving good reception here SINPO 45433 (Alan Pennington, UK, AOR 7030+ / longwire, 2107 UT May 29, ibid.)

Radio Nord Revival, last chance --- No good in Europe, but how about further? From http://radionordrevival.blogspot.com/2011/05/radio-nord-revival-shifting-to-9940-khz.html

sˆndagen den 29:e maj 2011
Radio Nord Revival shifting to 9940 kHz

As all our 41 metre band frequencies are heavily disturbed by other stations we will be shifting to 9940 kHz at 2200 CET/SST (2000 UT). So far this band has produced a quite modest signal but let us hope this will improve. Your reception comments are welcome as usual. The live transmissions from s/s S:t Erik have stopped so the programme is now running on autopilot.

We would also like to congratulate Herman Content of Gent, Belgium who won the Radio Nord DVD in our draw. You will be receiving it in the post soon, Herman. Thank you all for submitting reception reports and keeping in touch this weekend. Upplagd av Ronny B Goode kl. 21:54

Etiketter: 31 metre band, 9940 kHz, Radio Nord, Radio Nord Revival
4 kommentarer:

SW TX at 9940 KHz up and running 10 KW.
MW TX at 603 KHz still on air 1 KW.
(Bernt, Transmitter site Sala, 29 maj 2011 22:04)

Sadly no trace of the 9940 kHz frequency at 2000 UT on Sunday 29th May 2011 at this QTH being 25 kilometers South West of London, England. There is a lot of noise on this channel but no carrier. 73's (Nick Sharpe, 29 maj 2011 22:04, ibid.)

Cannot hear 9940 here. Will try later as it gave good reception yesterday. (7485 now clear here as VoA closed at 2000 UT) 73s (Alan, Caversham, UK, 29 maj 2011 22:13, ibid.)

Nothing heard here on 9940 other than S9 noise at 2030 UT. 73s (Tony, Nr Chorley, NE England, 29 maj 2011 22:34
(all: R. Nord blog via gh, 2040 UT May 29, dxldyg via DXLD)

Good reception here now of Radio Nord on 9940 kHz (lsb +AM) Sometimes noise spoiling reception which may be from DRM India (to Europe)

scheduled on 9950 until 2230, I think (Alan Pennington, AOR 7030+ / longwire, Caversham, UK, 2124 UT May 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Some background from Wikipedia:

Radio Nord was a Swedish offshore commercial station that operated briefly from 8 March 1961 to 30 June 1962 from a ship anchored in international waters of the Baltic Sea off Stockholm, Sweden. While the station was dubbed as a pirate radio station, its actual operation took place within the laws of the day and its offices were located in the heart of Stockholm... More here:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio_Nord
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

R Nord Revival - some photos

Thanks to Goran Lindemark for this link to 7 photos of the ice-breaker St Erik in the Vasa harbour, Stockholm, used for some of the live broadcasts by Radio Nord Revival over the weekend. Includes model of the Radio Nord ship 'Bon Jour', later to become the Radio Atlanta then Radio Caroline ship 'Mi Amigo' of course:
http://www.radiolid ingo.se/
click on 'Las Mer' (Read More) next to Radio Nord logo
(Alan Pennington, UK, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)
Direct link: http://www.radiolidingo.se/radionord.html (gh, DXLD)

** SYRIA [and non]. Radio Damasco --- Est· en el aire por los 9330 kHz, buena seÒal 34333 (Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, 2023 UT May 29, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Es increible. No la puedo escuchar!!! Hay una portadora en la QRG siendo las 2229 UT (Arnaldo Slaen, ibid.)

Ac· llega con una formidable QRM de portadora en 9327.65 kHz (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, 2228 UT May 29, ibid.)

AsÌ llega ac· (Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, 2246 UT May 29, ibid.)

** TAIWAN [non]. Media Network Plus blog: New Look, New Content

Today was a productive day for us at Media Network Plus! The MNP Blog was given a new look and new content. More content is coming soon, so check us out! http://www.medianetworkplus.wordpress.com

The May 2011 show is coming soon! This is our 8th show and each one keeps getting better! Thanks to all of our listeners who have made these shows reality, after all, the shows are for you! Yours

Sincerely, The Media Network Plus Team (via Shortwave America, May 26, dxldyg via DXLD)

PCJ Radio contest --- How would you like to win a shortwave radio?

Well, PCJ will have a contest to make this happen. We are giving away 3 Tecsun DR920, and a grand prize a new Sangean ATS909X. How will this work?

1. Beginning on the May 28th edition with Media Network Plus, there will be a small ID asking a question that will be played in the show (very easy question). This ID will also be used on Happy Station, Nash Holos, & Switzerland In Sound. All you need to do is answer the question and give details on where you heard the show, either FM/AM/Shortwave or internet.

2. There are 3 Tecsun DR920 that we are giving away in June, July and August. Everyone that enters will be entered into the draw to win a new Sangean ATS909X. Winners will be announced in Media Network Plus. The grand prize of the Sangean ATS909 will be announced in the September edition on Media Network Plus.

3. Just make sure when you enter that you also give some program details. The address to enter for winning one of the 3 Tecsun's and the final grand prize is:

PCJ Radio
c/o: Contest
8FL, No. 47, Lane 31,
Section 1, Sanmin Road,
Banciao, Taipei, Taiwan,
ROC 22070

You will receive a small thank you gift when you enter by snail mail.
Or email: ats909x @ gmail.com
http://www.pcjmedia.com/ (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Where I can listen to Media Network to participate at the contest? (GABRIELLI Dario, Viale della Resistenza, 33b, 30031 DOLO (Ve), ITALY, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

First transmission of Media Network Plus is tonight 28-May on WRMI @ 0100 UTC on 9955 kHz (to N America). However, WRMI is very difficult to hear on shortwave in the UK (presumably also in Italy). So easiest way to listen I think is online - go to the Media Network Plus page
http://www.pcjmedia.com/medianetworkplus
on the PCJ Media website where each show will be available to 'download' or 'listen' (same for the other 3 shows running the

contest). PCJ Media also has a few other Partner Stations listed
http://www.pcjmedia.com/partner-stations
which may carry the shows locally or online. Remember each contest entry needs some programme details (Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Direct link:
http://www.radio4all.net/files/kperron@gmail.com/3101-1-Media_Network_Plus_PRG_008.mp3
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) Good show! (gh, DXLD)

** TURKEY. 17770, fair May 26 at 1359, VOT IS, ID, 1400 accurate timesignal, opening Arabic; brief dropoff in the first minute (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Retimed transmissions for TRT/Voice of Turkey:
0600-1155 on 11955 EMR 250 kW / 150 deg to N/ME, ex 0600-1255 Turkish
1200-1255 on 13710 EMR 500 kW / 092 deg to SoAs, ex 1400-1455 Urdu
1400-1425 on 9610 EMR 500 kW / 290 deg to SEEu, ex 1500-1525 Italian
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD)

** UGANDA [non]. 17770, Uganda via Russia, R. Ndiwulira, Luganda. May 24 1700-1710 sign on with short music, male in English talks ìthank you very muchî, ìObamaî; short and deep fades, 25422. May 28 1700-1730 sudden sign on with male alternating female in English talks, many mentions of Uganda, later male in eloquent vernacular talks. Able to catch few words, 25322 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA [non]. Additional txions of BVBN "Ngoma Radio" via Media Broadcast, in Luganda:
1700-1800 on 15235 ISS 250 kW / 141 deg to EaAf Sat from May 14
1900-2000 on 11750 ISS 250 kW / 141 deg to EaAf Sat from Apr. 30
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD) ISS = FRANCE

** UKRAINE. RADIO UKRAINE INTERNATIONAL UKRAINIAN SERVICE CLOSED

On May 25, Ukrainian service of Radio Ukraine International was closed. All mentions of the service have been already removed from NRCU's web site. Other language services of RUI have to be on the air, though RUI audio stream http://89.187.1.165/NRCU4 seems to not work. Source: http://www.unian.net/ukr/news/news-437747.html
(Aleksandr Diadischev, Ukraine, May 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This link is working
http://89.187.1.165/NRCU4?WMContentBitrate=20000
(german at 2000) Regards (JM Aubier, France, ibid.)

Thank you. http://89.187.1.165/NRCU4 is also working now. Seems that the stream is idling in time slots intended for Ukrainian service (Alex Diadischev, ibid.)

DXLD yg discussion of RUI closing down what was left of its SW service, in the Ukrainian language even, led me to check their webcast
http://89.187.1.165/NRCU4
and there it is in English at 0330 UT Sunday May 29 amid the `Hello from Kiyev` mailbag just like we used to hear on 7440. One writer suggested that since SW propagation is no longer a factor, they put English at midday in North America so people can listen on computers while at work. RUI will seriously consider this (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I assume "not working" just meant no modulation? Perhaps they now went to a practice to play out the English and German broadcasts over and over. Right now, at 1030 UT, the webstream carries German. Not really fine, it's a shabby 16 kbps, even encoded in stereo mode although the studio output is mono only (and this is so although it appears that the old Hungarian equipment has been replaced in recent years), as they explicitly state themselves at
http://www.nrcu.gov.ua/index.php?id=542
It looks as if this page used to contain also some program schedule details which have been hastily removed.

Has 9420 1300-1600 been checked, too? Immediately cancelled or perhaps still on air, or at least being still on air with open carrier (because, as described, the studio output had no modulation at this time anymore) for some more days after the elimination of the Ukrainian programmes? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 29, dxldyg via DXLD)

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Exactly. 14:00-17:00. RUI SW transmission has been inaudible at my location since the beginning of A-11, though some listeners from Russia (target area) confirmed that it was on the air. I know they read DXLD for sure, so it would be better if they will reply (Aleksandr Diadischev, Ukraine, ibid.)

The German website has old news items from 13th May 2011 online. The editorial staff wrote me, that they expect an updated website on 30th May. The 40 persons of the Ukrainian service was offered despite what they've learned to get a job as sound-engineer in NRCU (Christian Milling, Germany, Radio 700, May 29, ibid.)

UKRAINE ======== Latest news on the topic.
"BLACK DAY SERVICE UKRAINIAN VSRU"

"Today, CEO of the National Radio Company of Ukraine Taras Abraham ordered to stop broadcasting Ukrainian edition of the World Service radio broadcasting.

UNIAN was informed about the chief editor of the Ukrainian edition of the World Service radio broadcasting of Ukraine Mykola Marinenko. According to him, stopped broadcasting "without any prior explanation or comment," "alone".

"In this case, the relevant documents on the NRCU, as well as the orders of higher authorities, was not provided. According to our information, the decision to stop broadcasting T. AVRAHOVA was not even known the chairman of the State Committee Yuri PLAKSYUKU, which is subject to National Radio, "- says N. Marinenko.

"The same day, the entire staff of Ukrainian edition broadcasted (and this is a staff of 40 people of different age, education, profession, level and experience) is requested to go to the post of sound engineers", - said N. Marinenko.

Workers' World Service "radio broadcasting" in conversation with correspondent UNIAN could not explain why the broadcast of their editorial board is now closed. At the same time they confirmed that it was the next step, after about a month ago, T. Abraham told the team's intention to eliminate international broadcasting in Ukrainian.
From the very T. AVRAHOVYM reached for comment failed. "

http://www.unian.net/rus/news/news-437748.html

P.S. Many would like to wish this monster, but from a print only this - and his wish that such-as thrown out of the office, and that even the sound engineer for his work did not offer (Andrew Erlich, Kharkiv, Ukraine / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX via DXLD)

This is how to understand - to eradicate Ukrainian radio? The Internet broadcast only English and German programs. And, for example, instead of the former Ukrainian transmission in 0900 (ua) is German. I think that other Ukrainian transmission replaced similarly. Finally, on this important occasion and corrected the "frequency schedule, which now has a ridiculous view :-))):
ENGLISH *
22.00-23.00 6,030
01.00-02.00 7,440
03.00-04.00 7,440
10.00-11.00 9,410
GERMAN *
20.00-21.00 6,030

23.00-00.00 6,140
ROMANIAN
17.00-17.30 0,657
19.30-20.00 0,657
21.00-21.30 0.657

* These transmissions are also available on the left or right channels of stereo channel RUI on the Satellite "Sirius 4": orbital position 4,8 East, frequency 11.766 GHz, horizontal polarization, SR 27500, FEC 3 / 4;

Internet Audio

Kyiv Time	UTC Time	Language
01.00-02.00	23.00-00.00	ENGLISH
02.00-03.00	00.00-01.00	GERMAN
03.00-04.00	01.00-02.00	ENGLISH
05.00-06.00	03.00-04.00	ENGLISH
08.00-09.00	06.00-07.00	ENGLISH
10.00-11.00	08.00-09.00	ENGLISH
14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	ENGLISH
20.00-21.00	18.00-19.00	GERMAN
22.00-23.00	20.00-21.00	ENGLISH
23.00-24.00	21.00-22.00	GERMAN

Note: These schedules are subject to changes.
(Alexander Yegorov, Kiev, Ukraine / "deneb-radio-dx", ibid.)
sic ñ I believe Kiev is more than 2 hours ahead of UT now (gh, DXLD)

STOPPED BROADCASTING THE UKRAINIAN "GLOBAL" RADIO

Broadcasting Ukrainian edition of the World Service radio broadcasting stopped. This is stated in the declaration editor Ukrainian edition of the World Service radio Nicholas Marinenko.

"Ukraine continues voluntarist approach of officials in the Ukrainian media, May 25, at 12.00, the general director of the National Radio Taras Avraham, without any prior explanation or comment, personally ordered to stop broadcasting Ukrainian edition of the World Service radio," - said in a statement.

"In this case, the relevant documents on the NRCU, as well as orders of higher authorities was not provided," - said Marinenko.

"According to our information, the decision to stop broadcasting Avrahova was not even known chapter Goskomteleradio Yuri Plaksyuku, which is subject to National Radio," - he said.

On the same day the whole team broadcasted Ukrainian edition (which is a staff of 40 people of different age, education, profession, level

and experience) is requested to move to the position of sound engineer, said in a statement. pravda.com.ua (OnAir.ru)

CEO Natsradio Ukraine has told, why shut down a worldwide broadcasting Termination of the Ukrainian edition of broadcasting the World Service radio is part of optimizing the broadcast and staffing structure of the NRCU. This was stated by Director General of the National Radio Taras Avraham, transmits "Ukrainian Truth".

"These processes were necessary and incurred after the relevant decisions of the board and the State Committee under orders NRKU about optimizing the whole structure of the National Radio," - he said.

"We have a situation where all three channels broadcasting NRKU reachable through the Internet and satellite, then the Ukrainians around the world have the opportunity to receive the full range of information, culture, music programs from the Motherland" - said Avraham.

In his words, issues of optimization are obvious, and they were carried out with preservation of the creative potential: most of the Ukrainian edition of the team offered a job specialty, partly increased broadcasting in English, German, Romanian.

Also, said Abraham, instead of Ukrainian edition of the World Service edition created overseas service in the Directorate of Information Broadcasting. On this edition of the act as the co-operation with foreign, particularly with the Ukrainian linguists.

He assured that NRKU "has done and will do everything possible to place the actual sound of the Ukrainian radio abroad, and not an imitation of this process."

May 25 Abraham ordered to stop broadcasting Ukrainian edition of the World Service radio. Earlier in the forecast for Natsradio talked about lawlessness and injustice in the country. newsru.ua (OnAir.ru) (all via RusDX May 29 via DXLD)

UWC APPEALS CANCELLATION OF RUI UKRAINIAN SERVICE

The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) has called on Ukraineís authorities to cancel the decision to shut down the Ukrainian language section of Radio Ukraine International (RUI).

ìThe Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) expressed grave concern in a letter to President Viktor Yanukovych, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, Volodymyr Lytvyn, Prime Minister Mykola Azarov and the Head of the State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine,

Yuriy Plaksiuk, over the 25 May, 2011 decision of the General Director of the National Radio Company of Ukraine to shut down the Ukrainian language section of Radio Ukraine International,î the information posted on the UWC web site reads.

The UWC is calling on Ukraineís authorities to cancel the decision by Director General of the National Radio Company of Ukraine Taras Avrakhov to shut down the Ukrainian language section of Radio Ukraine International due to its importance as a source of information on national issues for Ukrainians living abroad, according to the letter.

In its letter, the UWC pointed out that Radio Ukraine International is broadcasting in the Ukrainian language, providing a listening audience of more than 20 million in the Ukrainian diaspora with information about life in Ukraine and the lives of Ukrainians beyond its borders. (Source: Interfax) (May 30th, 2011 - 15:20 UT by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** U A E. 7290.051, One of Al Dhabbaya's transmitters is slightly odd frequency. Noted DWL in Russian via UAE relay site at 0040 UT May 24, and German-Russian language course in progress. Followed by a piece of George Frideric Handel music (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

** U K [?]. 4709/usb, MVU, RAF VOLMET with English YL computer voice weather using km for visibility, knots for wind speed, feet for cloud height and C for temperatures. Make up your mind what system you're using already! The speech was quite clipped and hard to understand--the only city name I could understand was Kandahar. Heard OK, 253+43 0435-0500 20/May. Never could make out what she said before RAF VOLMET in the IDs but there clearly was another word in there BEFORE "RAF". Does anyone know? (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet 27 May via DXLD) If the call was MVU, does that mean it was really inside UK?

** U K. Final BBCWS Azeri, Mandarin and Caribbean service audio online --- and, as of today, the Azeri translation is online. Apologies for the delay.

The final Turkish transmission from the World Service is broadcast today at 1500 GMT. The audio will be available from tomorrow on my blog http://blog.stuart-pinfold.co.uk/ and translation shortly afterwards (Stuart Pinfold, May 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Audio at http://blog.stuart-pinfold.co.uk/2011/05/final-bbc-radio-programme-in-turkish/ - translation coming soon (Stuart Pinfold, May 29, ibid.)

** U K [non]. Frequency change of BBC in Hindi:

1400-1500 NF 9395 NAK 250 kW / 275 deg to SoAs, ex 9685
          // 7565 NAK, 9685 SLA, 11795 SNG, 15470 CYP
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD) NAK = THAILAND

** U K. Greenwich time signal missing from BBCR4: WORLD OF HOROLOGY

** U S A. 13750, Thursday May 26 at 1158 surprised to find open carrier from VOA Greenville, instead of Spanish; at 1159, 15590 was in Yankee-Doodle-Dandy sign-on, and from 1200 // with `Estudio 45` news program.

Does this mean the 1130-1200 M-F `Enfoque Andino` has been dropped? The language schedule at
http://www.voanews.com/english/programs/frequencies/
still shows on air from 1130 M-F, also on 9885, but the program list
http://www.voanews.com/spanish/programs/
does not mention it, and apparently not replaced with anything else at 1130 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9855, UT Sunday May 29 at 0429, VOA closing `Science World` with program website; said is on Saturdays and Sundays but times not given. Fluttery signal, and 9855 gone at recheck a few minutes later. Consulting http://blogs.voanews.com/science-world/ --- there are lots of neat stories, and schedule: ``Science World begins after the newscast on Friday at 2200, Saturday at 0300, 1100 and 1900 and Sunday at 0100, 0400, 0900, 1100 and 1200``. 9855 is via BOTSWANA, 0300-0430 at 350 degrees.

15590, VOA Spanish via Greenville, Sunday May 29 at 1228 ending `Top Ten USA`, 1230 into `M`sica Country` starting with No. 41, ``I Got You`` by Thompson Square. Apparently you don`t have to attain the top country ten to get VOA Spanish exposure. Does VOA Spanish every play any music in Spanish, even from the USA? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1566 monitoring: first broadcast confirmed Thursday May 26 after 1500 on WRMI webcast; only a SAH with Taiwan audible on 9955 at 1525. WRMI repeats are: Thursday 2100, Friday 1430, Saturday 0800, 1730; Sunday 0800, 1530, 1730. On WWRB: UT Friday 0330v on 5050. On WWCR: Friday 2030 on 15825, Saturday 1600 on 12160, Sunday 0630 on 3215. On IPAR: Saturday 1800 on 7290. On SiriusXM 120: Saturday & Sunday 1730, Sunday 0830.

WBCQ re-aired WOR 1565, Wednesday May 25 at 2130 on 7415 webcast, after two episodes of Amos `n` Andy, altho I had asked WBCQ a few hours before to run #1564 which had been missed on WBCQ (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Woke up by chance in the middle of the (UK) night and was pleased to catch World of Radio No. 1566 at 0330 UTC (27-May) on WWRB 5050 kHz with fair clear signal (SIO 353) just listening on the bedside Sony 7600GR + telescopic. 5050 transmitter closed at 0400 with brief announcement to retune to 3185. 5050 kHz is a better frequency to hear WOR here than 2390. (Usually I catch WOR over breakfast 0800 UT Saturday mornings via WRN to Africa still on WorldSpace). 73s (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, May 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1566 monitoring: UT Friday May 27 at 0331 confirmed on primary WWRB webcast, also 5050. On the web, audio level dropped greatly following the preceding preacher, but apparently it was OK on 5050, reported with good reception by Alan Pennington in England.

ACB Radio Mainstream at 0300, 0500 and 1700 UT Friday May 27 was running last week`s WOR 1565 instead of 1566, despite our quick reminder to them at 0300. Oh, well.

WRMI, 9955, Friday 1430 broadcast just barely audible with a familiar-sounding voice in the noise, not jamming, at 1454. WRMI repeats are Saturday 0800, 1730, Sunday 0800, 1530, 1730, etc. On WWCR: Friday 2030 on 15825, Saturday 1600 on 12160, Sunday 0630 on 3215. On IPAR: Saturday 1800 on 7290. On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Saturday & Sunday 1730, Sunday 0830 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12160, WWCR, confirmed with WORLD OF RADIO 1566, Saturday May 28 at 1600, still good signal despite geomag storm. Next airing is Sunday 0630 on 3215. On IPAR via SLOVAKIA: Saturday 1800 on 7290. On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Saturday & Sunday 1730, Sunday 0830. Also via WRMI 9955 Saturday & Sunday 1730, plus 0800 and 1530 Sunday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12160, TN, WWCR (Nashville) May 28, 1615. Was following "World of Radio" to 1617 when xmtr went off, leaving channel empty except for the annoying "bedspring" (CODAR) sound. finally back on at 1623 (Rick Barton, El Mirage, Arizona, Hammarlund SP-600 + HQ-140X, HQ-200, Drake R-8, outdoor slinky and 70' lazy-L wire, NASWA yg via DXLD)

[and non]. 9955, Sunday May 29 at 1547, no WORLD OF RADIO from WRMI audible; instead, instrumental hymns, presumably ex-Russian YFR via TAIWAN, and much better than usual from there; so WRMI off the air? WOR on the WRMI webcast as usual. I asked Jeff White about this, and when there would be a new post-DX Partyline program schedule:

``Glenn: We're on the air. It must be propagation out your way. I think we're going to run the last DXPL for two weeks to make sure everyone hears that program and knows that it's ending. Jeff``.

I had already listened to that via WRMI webcast: the final DX report from JSWC gal, acknowledging other long-time contributors, snippets of interviews with previous hosts, and Allen`s voice seemed a bit emotional as he wrapped it up (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9955, WRMI, 1315 to 1338 from 1315 to 1329, May 26. The Jesus Christ Our Only Hope program in Haitian Creole, SINFO 33433, followed at 1330 by another program which almost immediately at 1331 was hit with intense jamming (Steve Handler, IL, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD) But, but, that`s only R. Prague in French! (gh, DXLD)

WORLD OF RADIO back on Saturday nights, WaveScan

The June 1 WWCR program schedule
http://www.wwcr.com/program-guides/WWCR_Program_Guide.pdf
shows the Saturday night DX Block has returned, with different composition, CDT on 4840 = 0145-0300 UT Sundays:

8:45P Ask WWCR WWCR Staff 0145
9:00P WaveScan Adrian Peterson 0200
9:30P World of Radio Glenn Hauser 0230

WaveScan is also shown at 1630 UT Saturday on 12160 after WORLD OF RADIO at 1600, but that will knock out Ask WWCR at 1645 which is still listed.

It replaces the defunct 15-minute DX Partyline. The other WORLD OF RADIO airings remain, Friday 2030 on 15825, Sunday 0630 on 3215 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Rest In Peace George W. Gentry of WWCR's Exposing The Unexposed --- I just wanted to inform you and your listening audience that the one and only Mr. George W. Gentry of the WWCR radio broadcast 'Exposing The Unexposed' passed away last month April 19th, 2011. His radio broadcast however had been off the air for a good spell. I had made a myspace page for him a long while back at http://myspace.com/exposingtheunexposed

He sent me a photo to put on his page, you can see it there too. We used to talk on the phone and he used to send me postal mail all the time, letters, boxes of his cassette tape messages and other assorted stuff. You will find I've uploaded a good batch of the cassette tape messages to my youtube channel at http://youtube.com/txz045 Here is the bio I had put on the page:

On April 2nd, 2002 at 5:30 AM-CST George W. Gentry made his first international radio broadcast of 'Exposing The Unexposed' over WWCR - World Wide Christian Radio. Frequency 5.070 was the dominant frequency

during the radio broadcast all the way up to February 14th, 2010.

The following Sunday, February 21st, 2010 the radio broadcast took place on 4.775. And the last radio broadcast took place February 28th, 2010 on 4.840. Due to malfunctioning cassette tape recorders, George was no longer able to record the regular audio messages for broadcast on WWCR. George decided to end the broadcast run.

If you would like to speak with George W. Gentry about his radio broadcast you can [could] reach him at (870) 246-9838. Please be mindful of the time zone differences. George is located in the Central Time zone (via Kelly Bogues (long time SWL in West Texas), May 26, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Kelly, Thanks for letting us know. I am not familiar with Mr Gentry, and looking at his blog it`s not really clear what he was exposing. Could you give us a little background on what his program was about? (Glenn to Kelly, via DXLD)

From your website on March 23, 2004:
http://www.worldofradio.com/com0402.html

*Fred Waterer on strange program on WWCR, Exposing the Unexposed with George Gentry of Arkansas, Sunday 1130 on 5070, presumably one hour earlier in summer, half-hour rant about evils of white race versus black race [4-027]

I think that pretty well summed it up. If you'd like to hear some of his messages which he sent over to me on cassette tapes, which I then digitized and uploaded to my youtube channel as audio messages with an image in the background, usually pictures I took of magnetic decals he sent me which he used to have on his van in Okolona, AR ... you can visit
http://youtube.com/txz045

Here is the most popular video I've uploaded regarding George's messages.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vs53aoJ318
(I've titled it 'Why White Women Love Black Men' I think you'll hear why in the msg)

On my channel though you can find prolly 12 or so video/audio messages, and some letters George sent me directed towards other fellas like Arnold Murray, he's one of those preachers ya see on T.V. all the time. If George had a disagreement with them he'd write to'em and then send a copy to me as well. Which I would film with my camcorder page by page slowly and upload that footage to my youtube, then tag the video appropriately so that it would come up in search

results related to the person George was addressing his disagreement with.

I was helping George spread his message basically as his tape recorders he was using to record his audio messages had both malfunctioned; he'd used them so many years they just gave out. So that`s when he stopped sending audio messages to WWCR and his time slot was sold to somebody else. But he had a good run from 2002 - 2010.

Here is another bit from your website where George was mentioned: http://www.worldofradio.com/dxld4027.txt

```Last year about this time, I discovered a strange program in the wee hours of Sunday morning on WWCR, a station with more than its fair share of extremist viewpoints.

Perhaps the strangest is ``Exposing the Unexposed`` hosted by George Gentry of Arkansas, heard at 1130 UT Sundays on 5070. Mr (Pastor?) Gentry rants for half an hour, mostly about the evils of the white race.

It makes for a change from the usual conspiracy nuts --- this time the ``one world government`s`` purpose is to exterminate the black race. This news must come as a shock to Pete Peters.

I have listened for a couple weeks to this stuff --- so far I have gleaned that George is a retired auto worker with a grade eight education (his words). Some of his beliefs:

``The white man is seditious and perditious``

``Americans are educated retards``

``Kobe Bryant is the victim of Rush Limbaugh ni---- getters``

``If anyone is listening I am appreciative, but if no one is listening it means I am closer to God``

As well, George expounds from a number of documentation sources, including a book entitled ``How the Irish became White`` (prior to this, they were of course, black, as were Jesus, Moses, St. Augustine, the Scots, the Jews and all of the early church) and of course the ever reliable internet.

White people were put on earth by Satan, and rank just below him in the order of things in this world. Their goal? The ethnic cleansing of the entire black race. In his world view, the old Masonic/Illuminati
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conspiracy is designed for this goal.

People who don`t agree are of course ``oblivious to elucidated visibility``. George is an interesting listen early on a Sunday morning (Fred Waterer, Ont., Programming Matters, Feb ODXA Listening In via gh, DXLD)```

Thanks for the reply. 73 (Kelly Bogues, DX LISTENING DIGEST 11-22)

15825, WWCR, tnx HF sporadic-E enhancement, extremely strong S9+25+ June 1 at 1307 with fiery soul music and hyper DJ during `Inspirations Across America`, which means the modulation spike spurs are showing up again, covering roughly 15635-15730, peaking around 15680, and also 15780-15870, but assymetrically, no further on the hi side. With BFO at 1337, I can also detect in this mess, the usual WWCR-1 weaker carrier + modulation spurs around 15809.5 and 15840.5, and furthermore the constant squealing on the fundamental (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Summer A-11 of World Wide Christian Radio:
WWCR 1 [see comment below]
0100-0900 on 3215 WCR 100 kW / 046 deg to WeEu
0900-1100 on 9985 WCR 100 kW / 046 deg to WeEu
1100-2100 on 15825 WCR 100 kW / 046 deg to WeEu
2100-0100 on 7465 WCR 100 kW / 046 deg to WeEu
WWCR 2
0000-1200 on 5935 WCR 100 kW / 085 deg to NCAf
1200-1500 on 7490 WCR 100 kW / 085 deg to NCAf
1500-2100 on 12160 WCR 100 kW / 085 deg to NCAf
2100-2400 on 9350 WCR 100 kW / 085 deg to NCAf
WWCR 3
0000-1200 on 4840 WCR 100 kW / 040 deg to NoAm
1200-0000 on 13845 WCR 100 kW / 040 deg to NoAm
WWCR 4
0200-1200 on 5890 WCR 100 kW / 090 deg to CSAf
1200-0200 on 9980 WCR 100 kW / 090 deg to CSAf
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD)

[C & S Africa??!! Absurd to target that on 5890 any time after 0500 or so. HFCC registrations show CIRAF 9, 11, 47, 52, 53, which mean Atlantic Canada, Caribbean, Central America, (which are hardly due east from Nashville), and Africa from Chad to Madagascar. Similar comment about #2 on 5935, 7490 -- gh]

Note that three of the transmitters are all making QSY at 1200; that should be rather hectic and inconvenient.

June 1 may have been a rather inopportune time for DX Mix News to

issue an A-11 schedule for WWCR, since they have just modified #1 for the next bimonth, 0200 instead of 0100 from 7465 to 3215:

WWCR A11 Schedule June 1, 2011 to July 31, 2011
Transmitter #1 - 100 KW - 46 Degrees
12:00 AM-04:00 AM 0500-0900 3.215 MHz
04:00 AM-06:00 AM 0900-1100 9.985 MHz
06:00 AM-04:00 PM 1100-2100 15.825 MHz
04:00 PM-09:00 PM 2100-0200 7.465 MHz
09:00 PM-12:00 AM 0200-0500 3.215 MHz

The others still match (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Tennessee, WTWW, 12100, 2340 GMT, Language Unknown, 444, May 23, OM with comments up to 0300 GMT. ID in English then OM in Spanish at 0305 GMT (Stewart MacKenzie, WDX6AA, Huntington Beach, California, United States of America, Rcvrs: Kenwood R5000 and Grundig Satellit 650, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9479, May 31 at 1307, just as I tuned by WTWW, it dropped off the air for less than a minute during a cowboy hymn by PPP, then stayed on for his end-times predications.

12100, WTWW back on the air June 1 at 0546 with Bible in English, poor signal S7-9 vs CODAR. Inbooming at steady S9+18 with Es enhancement, when next checked at 1318, in Arabic. Listened from 1358 for an ID, but the Spoken Word of God was not to be interrupted until finally at 1413, saying five [sic] different languages are in use.

Shortly later on June 1, George McClintock updated us:

12100 is WTWW-3, the Harris SW-100 moved from KTWR Guam, which was replacing it with another transmitter. Two walls had to be torn out to remove it from their building. It was already modified, vapor-cooled, condensing water recycled. It is now running 24 hours on 12100, barring further problems. A couple days ago it lost a fan, and the voltage regulator had to be bypassed. In winter will probably go to a lower night frequency.

Only programming is Bible readings provided by the Spoken Word of God, in German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, English, rotating in 3-hour blocks, but schedule not firm yet, to be modified depending on need. Chinese will not be added until a more suitable third antenna and transmitter are running. Currently Russian (#6?) is supposed to be at 11-14 UT, tho we were hearing Arabic before 14.

SWOG is the program provider, but individual churches and people are footing the bill adequately for now, not the non-profit SWOG. Some of

the languages on the files provided have problems: Portuguese is of marginal fidelity, somewhat bassy needing equalization. The better Spanish version is not available for broadcast due to copyright problems.

The WTWW website needs to be updated, but he just hasn`t had time to do it, trying to get two new transmitters up and running. Regrets that he didn`t plan this for one at a time. Some major pending expenses include $9K each to rebuild some tubes for the SW-100.

The third transmitter, WTWW-2, is a Continental, which is 90% complete, needing some modifications, so waiting on parts from them, and then wiring (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9330-CUSB, dead air from WBCQ supposedly carrying Good Friends Radio Network / Radio 2:11, May 26 at 0558, still 0613; and at next check 1151 --- was it that way all night? By 1250 modulation had resumed, ``Just Talking`` segment, interviewing an apologist(?) about Syria, Robbie Zacharias. Ever get the impression WBCQ is unattended much of the time?

5109.8-CUSB, UT Sunday May 29 at 0449, S9+15 WBCQ with reference to http://www.counterpunch.org and talking about Israelis, referring to a Dec 98 program. 0459, ``Last Roundup`` song, ``Git Along, Little Dogies``; 0500 WBCQ canned ID, and then ``Lilliburlero`` played twice! YL announces many times in a row, ``This is not the BBC, this is not the BBC!`` and more plays of LLBL, hee hee; 0503 standard WBCQ sign-off by Allan Weiner.

According to the WBCQ program guide,
http://schedule.wbcq.com/main.php?fn=sked&freq=5110
this frequency goes off at 0300 UT Sundays. Need to consult the more current Area 51 schedule,
http://www.worldmicroscope.com/
which shows `The Last Roundup` at 0300-0400 this week, rather than an hour later, to be followed by `The Hour of the Time` both of which were missed on Friday night due to storms and internet failure (however, were scheduled 01-03 UT Saturday May 14). So 5110 should have had Bill Cooper at 0400 this time instead of Roundup. The Area 51 schedule remains extremely flexible.

Looking at the week by week schedules of Area 51, we see that since May started, the Sunday evening DX shows have been moved one hour later without notice to us: UT Mondays: 0300 Pirates Week, 0330 International Radio Report, so our DX Program schedule has been duly updated: http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

On Friday evening Allan Weiner announced the Last Roundup and Bill Cooper coming up next on 5110 but they had the aforementioned problems and didn't air. The station did run an episode of World of Radio instead and then signed off.

For what it's worth. WBCQ 7415 has signed on at 1800 the last two Sundays and played reruns of Mr. Mike's sixties guitar bands (John H Carver Jr., May 29, primetimeshortwave yg via DXLD)

9329.961, WBCQ Monticello-MA-USA, only transmitter carrier heard here at 0830 UT, S=5 signal.

5109.790, WBCQ Monticello-MA-USA in English at 2350 UT May 21, S=8 signal, but not \\ with 9330.040 kHz, latter carried different program.

9330.022, WBCQ Monticello, their format was religious at this hour, bible reading service at 0110 UT May 24. Four Kilohertz wide USB signal well heard on the night path across the Atlantic (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

9330-CUSB, WBCQ absent June 1 at 0601; did the Good Friends Radio Network/Radio 2:11 contract expire with May? If so, quickly renewed, as back on air at next check 1305 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 4980.4, WWRB, Manchester TN, 0304-0315 May 29. Male preacher in English noted on this odd frequency (spur) talking about contributing money so he can potentially reach 6 billion people in 200 countries before going into his long religious sermon. Poor with fundamental being excellent (Rich DíAngelo, Wyomissing PA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

So what was the fundamental, do you think? If it wasn`t Brother Scare from 3185, it would be somebody else from 5050. Did that match? A receiver 2 x 455 IF image from WWCR BS 5890 would land on 4980 (gh, DXLD) Running // to 5050 (Rich D`Angelo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15795, WWRB, another entrant in the dead-air sweepstakes: May 26 at 1317, but by 1333 check, Brother Scare was underway.

[and non]. 15795, WWRB is still missing May 26 at 2012 (tho 9385 is on as usual), May 27 at 1313 just the ChiCom jamming vs AIR music, both poor; while 15825 WWCR is inbooming by Es, so WWRB is really off. Still off at 1705 check; what happened? I want my BS.

15795, still no signal from WWRB, May 29 at 1547 check, into its

fourth day of silence; while neighbor 15825 WWCR inbooms. See also UNIDENTIFIED 5745.

15795, new frequency from WWRB still absent May 30 at 1344 and later, while 15825 WWCR was quite audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Still off June 2

** U S A. 13570, another station missing today, WINB, May 26 at 1255. Normally is on until 1314v*; come to think of it, did not hear it either on 9265 in earlier tunebys.

13570, WINB continues to be absent, May 26 at 2013 and May 27 at 1250. Is there anything about this breakdown on their website? Of course not! In fact, from that you would think they are 24/7, even tho that ceased at least a month ago (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Finally came back June 2

** U S A. 9825, May 29 at tune-in 0428 heard the last few notes of the `DXing with Cumbre` theme, so she still has at least one real SW airing, 0400 UT Sundays on WHRI; then on to other music fill.

7385, May 29 at 1242, WHRI with promo for their yearly broadcast of the Indianapolis 500, at 1500 UT today on 15180, then offering free Bible. The race did not axually start until 1600, when ABC-TV comes on. Beats me why anyone sighted would rather hear it than see and hear it, but confirmed on 15180 at 1622 check. 15180 is not registered with HFCC, tho I know we have heard WHRI on there occasionally, certainly not daily. Also beats me what this has to do with evangelism; just an Indiana thing for them (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The race is blacked out in Indianapolis and surrounding area and the people there can't see it on TV until later in the evening. Don't know if that has anything to do with the broadcast or if its sole purpose is for people overseas that are race fans. Never watched or listened to it so I don't know (John H Carver Jr., May 29, primetimeshortwave yg via DXLD)

15180, WHRI special for Indy 500, May 29 was underway at 1622, matching live ABC-TV coverage more or less, the latter with video. 1941 a string of WHRI promos, 1944 post-race review, said would end at 4:00 = 2000 UT. John H. Carver, Jr. says the race is blacked out from live TV in Indiana; so maybe this SW radio serves a purpose. Is it also blacked out on Indiana radio? I find the whole thing grossly macabre, cheering fans waiting for somebody to crash, maybe even into the stadium. If not, they all end up where they started, instead of 500 miles away from an Indiana run by a reaxionary governor (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 15180 not on sked below ---

** U S A [and non]. Updated A-11 schedule of World Harvest Radio:

WHRI Angel 1 and WHRA Angel 5 in parallel

[they are not ``in parallel``, no evidence at all that they are running two transmitters at once on same frequency -- it`s either/or, depending on what power may be paid for?? Angel 5 is NOT WHRA (which was closed down in Maine years ago), but another transmitter at WHRI in South Carolina.

Furthermore, all these WHR timings are `official`, apparently from their website. This does NOT mean all these frequencies are really on the air for the entire spans shown! E.g., 7385 Angel 6 is certainly not running all the way from 03 to 22! But presumably could be put on in the middle of the day if someone were foolish enough to buy time on it then. Anyone propagating the WHR schedules should always include such warnings. ``Maximum possible spans`` --- Why don`t they?? --- gh]

0000-0100 on 7315
0100-0200 on 5920 Mon-Fri
0100-0200 on 7315 Sat/Sun
0200-0500 on 5920
0500-1400 on 11565
1400-1500 on 17510 Sat/Sun
1500-1600 on 17510 Sat
1500-1600 on 15195 Sun
1600-2000 on 17520
2000-2100 on 15665
2100-2200 on 13660
2200-2300 on 9850
2300-2400 on 9850 Mon-Sat
2300-2400 on 7315 Sun

WHRI Angel 2
0000-0100 on 5920
0100-0400 on 9840
0400-0800 on 9825
0800-0900 on 11565
0900-1000 on 9825
1000-1100 on 7400 Deutsche Welle in German
1100-1300 on 9410
1300-1600 on 9840 Sat/Sun
1600-2000 on 9840
2000-2100 on 15665
2100-2200 on 13660
2200-2300 on 17820 Deutsche Welle in German
2300-2400 on 17820

T8WH Angel 3
0700-1500 on 9930 Radio Hoa-Mai 1300-1330 Tue/Thu in Vietnamese
1500-1800 on 9905 Radio Free Asia in Chinese
1800-1900 on 9955
1900-2200 on 9905 Radio Free Asia in Chinese
2200-2300 on 9930 Hmong World Christian Radio in Hmong 2200-2230 Fri/Sat

T8WH Angel 4
0000-0200 on 15700
0200-0400 on 17800
0400-0430 on 17800 Radio Australia in Indonesian
0430-0500 on 17800
0500-0530 on 17800 Radio Australia in Indonesian
0530-0900 on 17800
0900-1000 on 15700
1000-1100 on 15420 Radio Free Sarawak in Bahasa Malay, ex 1000-1200
1100-1200 on ?????
1200-1300 on ????? The Khmer Post Radio in Khmer on 9960 cancelled!
1300-1430 on 9965 Radio Australia in Chinese
1430-1500 on 9960 Furusato no Kaze in Japanese
1500-1530 on 9975 Nippon no Kaze in Korean
1530-1600 on 9965 Nippon no Kaze in Korean
1600-1630 on 9965 Radio Australia in English, not Chinese
1630-2400 on 9930

WHRI Angel 6
0300-2200 on 7385 [NOT! See above -- gh]
2200-2300 on 13620
2300-0300 on 9860
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 31 May via DXLD)

** U S A. Summer A-11 of WEWN Global Catholic Radio:
English
0000-1000 on 11520 EWN 250 kW / 085 deg to WeAf
1000-1200 on 9390 EWN 250 kW / 355 deg to SEAs
1200-1400 on 13580 EWN 250 kW / 355 deg to SEAs
1400-2000 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to N/ME
2000-2200 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 085 deg to WeAf
2200-2400 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to N/ME
Spanish
0000-1000 on 11870 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to SoAm
1000-1700 on 12050 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to SoAm
1700-2400 on 13830 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to SoAm
Spanish
0000-0500 on 5810 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to CeAm
0500-1300 on 7555 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to CeAm
1300-1800 on 11550 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to CeAm

1800-2400 on 12050 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to CeAm
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 31 May via DXLD)

** U S A. 11714.8, KJES from the Lord's Ranch with robo-kids chanting then an ID at :59 with a VERY young child--perhaps a 2nd generation robo-kid, or just a really old tape. Then into singing by someone who sounded post-puberty (!) into Spanish speaking really young robo-kids. This station is just scary sounding! 34+443+ with HF Het. 1458-1502 21/May (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet 27 May via DXLD)

11715-, Saturday May 28 at 1443, KJES, NM, is on and audible sufficiently with catechisms in English, S9+15 but noisy, undermodulated. Despite severely degraded propagation, especially on higher bands.

11715-, KJES, near Vado NM at the remote Lord`s Ranch, June 1 at 1320, very undermodulated hymn in English, then spoken preaching, readable only due to very strong Es-enhanced S9+18 signal. Interrupted at 1329 for kID, ``let me know if you can hear me`` --- barely, tnx to your crummy modulation level. Still in English at 1418 with even less modulation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 17775, KVOH still missing Thursday May 26 at 1525.

17775, KVOH still missing at the end of a second week, May 27 at 1705 check. They`re flopping like dries. At least 15550-USB, WJHR is on! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The KVOH transmitter is *the oldest* broadcast transmitter still running in the U.S., according to a friend at the FCC, who adds:

``Idiots in charge there just let their license expire, so I donít know what will happen if they get fined. Might put them off the air for good.``

Transmitter is RCA BTH-100 B. Looked pretty old to meÖ

http://transition.fcc.gov/ib/sand/neg/hf_web/KVOH.txt

When I told him they've been off the air, apparently since May 12, he replied: ``Could be they are waiting for license renewalÖ`` Their main studio is in an enormous Hispanic church at 4099 W. Adams, in L.A (David R. Alpert, CA, May 28, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Really, per FCC records, KVOH expired on January 11, 2009! So ever since then, it`s been illegal, racking up a hefty fine??

http://transition.fcc.gov/ib/sand/neg/hf_web/KVOH.txt
Main Station Record - KVOH
Permittee: La Voz De Restauracion Broadcasting, Inc.
Call Sign: KVOH   File Number: IHFASG-20040413
License/Renewal: Grant Date: 01/11/05   Expire Date: 01/11/09

Such info about all US SW stations is stored here:
http://transition.fcc.gov/ib/sand/neg/hf_web/stations.html
Proviso: FCC admits it may not be up-to-date. In fact, this shows WINB expired 11/01/03! After a 5.5-year term

** U S A [and non]. Ciao, WYFR Family Radio stasera trasmette solo musica a ciclo continuo su quasi tutte le frequenze; evidentemente per loro la fine del mondo Ë davvero iniziata! 73, (Michele D`Amico, Italy, May 25, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Gi‡ da ieri; mi sa sono gi‡ scappati con i milioni di dollari di donazioni che hanno raccolto da chi voleva assicurarsi un posto in paradiso (Robeto Scaglione, Sicily, ibid.)

WYFR programming has been disrupted as a result of recent non-events. May 26 at 0600, 9680 was missing, but 9715 was still on; English and Spanish scheduled respectively.

At 0603, we found all these with music in //, at the moment instrumental ``Amazing Grace``: 9985, 9715, 9505, 9385, 9355, 7730; and at 0607 also found 6875 // 5985 music. But three other frequencies were in English preaching, not Camping: 5850, 7520, 11530.

According to the A11 schedule, the last three are indeed English, but other languages at 0600 should have been: 5985, 9505 and 9715 Spanish; 6875 Cantonese; 7730 Romanian; 9355 and 9385 French; 9985 Italian.

Where have all those gone? Privately raptured? Or could it be that many foreign-language staff have quit in disgust? Sinking-ship-syndrome? Lawsuits are in the air; and FR may face a major reduxion from the 60+ languages previously claimed.

Incredibly, FR had just added another, Luba, on May 18, according to DX Mix News, 1700-1800 on 17545 ASC 250 kW / 085 deg to EaAf Luba, that hour previously having been occupied by English. What`s on it now?

More // gospel music frequencies at 1211: 11520, 11535, 11570: sound the same but not synchronized. All missing from the Okeechobee and HFCC skeds, since they are all TAIWAN, per Aoki, three different languages from three different sites:
11520 1200-1300 TWN FAMILY RADIO Ind Paochung 1-7

11535 1200-1300 TWN FAMILY RADIO Chi Yunlin 1-7
11570 1200-1300 TWN FAMILY RADIO Bur Hu Wei 1-7

At 1212, on 11725, different music; that`s scheduled for Chinese via Petropavlovsk, RUSSIA.

Also at 1212, Okeechobee frequencies had different music on 11970 // 13695 // 13800. Supposed to be Spanish/French/Spanish at this hour.

At 1407, 15130 // 15770 with ``Battle Hymn of the Republic`` on piano and organ, supposed to be Spanish, Portuguese respectively (Glenn Hauser, OK, May 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9505, WYFR, English with Harold C on Open Forum stumbling about 'we're still in a learning curve'. Apparently, May 21 was the time the WHOLE WORLD came into Judgment. God's salvation was finished then, and we're to prepare for annihilation on October 21. He also pontificated that while nobody new can be saved, we should still pray for people because they could be saved and not know it! He also took a call from a woman who said 'all I have to say is get off the air' which he pretended to not hear, asking her to repeat it, and then said 'oh, our caller is gone'.

Amazingly, he is still sticking to his story, but cautioning we need to "be careful" to interpret October 21 properly, and although he implied that will be the end of the world, he almost didn't really say that. I think the gem tonight was when a caller accused him of declaring May 21 for the wrong reason, his ego. He then said:

"Faithly (sic) declaring the word of God is not ego...I am NOT the authority, but just a humble servant trying to learn myself.``

Wow, I tell you what, WOW. Oh, we learned that the "church age" was from May 22, 33 AD to 1988, but he never tells us exactly WHEN in 1988, BTW, but he was VERY specific about the beginning. "Thank you for calling and sharing, shall we take out next caller" Into "beautiful (religious) music" & Bible reading at ToH. 35444 0105-0205 26/May (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet 27 May via DXLD)

A report in Spanish via Yimber GavirÌa says Harold Camping has ``left Family Radio``, did not show up for work on Monday, and that he ``made a mess`` of things. I`ve yet to find this in English or confirmed elsewhere that he has definitely `left`, but I haven`t heard his voice lately on what remains in English. See
http://www.neoclubpress.com/milenium/37-profecias/1379-harold-camping-abandona-a-family-radio.html
and lots of stories about FR and what may happen next at:
http://www.christianpost.com/topics/harold-camping/

I cannot vouch for the accuracy of any of this (Glenn Hauser, OK, May 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ARREST THIS SICKO NOW! A Mother in L.A. tried to take the lives of her INNOCENT children! This has now gone far enough! I am a parent, and know the honor and privilege of what it is to have kids. If an adult wants to take their own life and they are able to make decisions clearly, that is one thing, but when unjustified harm comes to kids or people are taken advantage of in such a way that their trust is violated such as in the case of devout followers who rely on their faith -- that is INHUMANE and deserves prosecution (shortwaveamerica, dxldyg via DX LISTENINT DIGEST)

Re: Harold Camping leaves Family Radio --- All the article states is that he didn't show up for work Monday morning. It doesn't mention that he hosted Open Forum on Monday night (Terry Wilson, May 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There are also Open Forum audio archives on the Family Radio web site at
http://fsiarchive1.familyradio.org/forum/mp3d.php?m=05&y=2011
hosted by Harold Camping and clearly recorded post-May 21 (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, ibid.)

17545, YFR, May 26 at 1745 after hymns in English during supposedly new Luba-language service via ASCENSION, announced: ``Family Radio apologizes for this change in our programming`` and urged listeners to read their Bible --- answering my own question in previous report, since no one else did.

88.3, K202BY, the translator here in Enid for Family Radio, I habitually ignore, but since the Camping crash have paid a bit more attention, wondering if it`s inherited yet by some other gospel-huxter, such as Christian Post, which has been taunting FR to sell off its stations on the cheap; a hostile takeover?

Harold is no longer droning on 88.3 or on SW, so it`s not so obvious who`s playing the music. But May 26 at 1959 UT caught a full ID for: KEAR, 88.1, Sacramento and a few of its direct translators in California, Family Radio, Oakland, California mailing address --- no box or street needed! (I copied the call as KAAR, sure sounded like, thought perhaps another FR relay, but can`t be that.)

WYFR shortwave continues to be mostly // and in English/music, the other language speakers perhaps having been privately raptured away? Dare we hypothesize a schism, yea purge, within the organization?

The `Open Forum` archive at

http://fsiarchive1.familyradio.org/forum/m3u.php?m=05&y=2011
has links for May 20, skips 21, 22, 23, resumes for 24 and 25 only as of May 27; I haven`t tried to open them. May 23 was the special OF when HC took a sesquihour for a `press conference`, no questions allowed? Trying to explain how he could be so wrong, but not in this archive? His droning voice used to be all over the place on YFR frequencies, but not heard this week in random tuning. Is he still producing programs that are not being broadcast?

May 26 at 2017 check, music and English talk by someone else in // on 17845, 17795, 17725.

May 27 at 0545, 9680 is back on in English and // 9715 instead of one being in Spanish; solar flux is way down and propagation from these was only poor, plus // 9985 very poor, 9505 fair, 9355 & 9385 poor. (Not much above 10 MHz except down under, and nothing but RA on 15 MHz.)

May 27 at 0551, 7730, 5985 and 5850 // with music. 7520 not on yet, but open carrier at 0558.

May 27 at 1337, English, no Spanish on 15130 // 15770, 13695
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I hope you took notice of our new name for Family Radio's IS ---
"Harold's Horns" (Harold Frodge, MI, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Fellow DX'ers: WYFR is back with Droning on 11855 as of 2308 UT on Friday May 28, 2011 via Florida talking about salvation (What else?) and various other references, after being MIA for a while, observed by GH and others. Great Signal, presumed beam to Canada at this hour, see latest DXLD entry for details. Surprised to hear Camping's return, despite being offered a million to sell his stations. Best Of 73 to all (Noble West, BMSS, Clinton TN, Sangean ATS 818ACS, RS Pocket SWL Antenna, 23 feet, mounted on pole due North to South direxions, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

One measly megabuck is a pittance compared to the value of all those stations; no wonder he`s not interested (gh, DXLD)

Hal Lindsey had something to say about Harold Camping and his date setting which wasn't complimentary at all. His answer was to remind everyone about what Jesus said about the Rapture and the end times. He also said one other thing about the times we live in. He said that in all the prophecies and the signs of the end "that nowhere in History do the prophetic signs of the End appears all at one time". And he said that "we are that generation".

Someone told me not to follow a man because men will always fail you. Instead keep your eyes on Jesus and your salvation. This way you will not be fooled when another false prophet claims to know when the Rapture comes. Instead live every day in expectancy that Christ will come to take his church at any moment. From the posts that everyone had on this board there were several of you that were disappointed that things didn't happen as Harold Camping said they would.

You can listen to Hal Lindsey's latest program at http://www.hischannel.com if you missed Hal Lindsey's program on TBN. You can also check hallindsey.com to see the other networks he comes on (Rich Lewis, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What`s with this Hal Lindsey? They are all insane gospel huxters imagining things, quibbling about details. I ran across this one on Daystar, next to a 666 beastly program (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WYFR: May 28, 2011 on 11895: 0805-0900 non-stop music and gospel songs. At 0846 OM announced in English apology for change of program. Scheduled 1200-1400: May 29 after IS presumed same OM again announced same apology. Until tuned out 1237 I just heard non-stop music and gospel songs (Tony Ashar, West Java, Indonesia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Per FCC, YFR at 12-14 is via Irkutsk, RUSSIA, not listed at 08-09, of course since it`s via TAIWAN, per Aoki (gh, DXLD)

Camping's been saying in his post-spiritual-apocalypse Open Forums that he's grappling with what message to broadcast on WYFR, now that salvation is no longer possible for the unsaved (though presumably there's been no redemption since his "end of the church age" 23 years ago.) He states Family Radio will not mention Judgment Day again (outside of Open Forum, which I have yet to find on shortwave) and will instead carry music and programming devoted to "feeding the sheep" (certainly not intended as an allusion to Bill Cooper's "sheeple") and "growing in grace."

The Open Forum continues as a web archive (beyond whatever radio/TV affiliates or feeds may actually carry it) and primarily consists of incensed Christians having Camping read Bible quotes which (unsurprisingly) concern false prophets and then demanding he explain why he does not fit the descriptor. "Thank you for calling and sharing, and now may we have our next caller, please. Welcome to Open Forum."
http://fsiarchive1.familyradio.org/forum/mp3d.php?m=05&y=2011

If I thought the world were ending, I'd splurge on an orgy of hedonism, not send a donation to whomever was propounding my doom. I can't see how that could work as a money-making scheme (Terry Wilson, MI, ibid.)

Whatever foreign languages had been scheduled on WYFR frequencies pre-May 21 continue to be missing, replaced by music, English. 15770, May 29 at 1229 promo for `Open Forum` which can be seen on KFTL TV channel 28, with an app available free for first 30 days. I assume this is not a real broadcast station, [see below] but just an online thingie. I still haven`t heard Harold Camping on SW at all in random tuning across numerous WYFR frequencies, so has he been demoted to this pay-service? Or could there be a show still named `Open Forum` but no longer with HC doing it?

The 1305 hour of `Sunday Night` on ABC and R. Australia, 9580 and 9590, had an interview with the editor of `Christianity Today`, striving for objectivity, first topic being Camping and how he was already a peripheral figure in the faith with his anti-church stance; onto circumcision may be banned in San Francisco and Santa MÛnica; Oprah`s profession of faith finale (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re my previous report about WYFR and `Open Forum` weblink: Belatedly checking FCC TV Query, we find there really is a KFTL-CD (not -TV) in San Francisco: ``KFTL-CD 28 DC LIC SAN FRANCISCO CA US BLDTA-20100419ACP - 52887 15. kW 0.m POLAR BROADCASTING, INC.`` which means it has very limited on-air coverage; is Polar a front for Family? (Glenn Hauser, May 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

YFR APOLOGIES TEXT SENTENCE, FILLER MUSIC AND MOSTLY MENS CHORUS

Noted two different filler music programs on the US outlets, and different to rest of the world, heard here in Europe at 1800, and at 1900 UT, May 30. Very weak signals from Okeechobee tonight on 17 and 19 MHz. List shows TX relay site and meaned [previously intended] program language.

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1800-1900 UT
 9830 RMP S=9+30dB  En     500kW powerhouse
11955 WER S=9+10dB  Ar
13720 SKN S=9+30dB  Ar
 7560 ERV S=9+40dB  Bulgarian
 [typical Yerevan bad feeder quality, many short break scratches.]
 9505 RMP S=9+35dB  Czech  500kW powerhouse
 7395 MDG weak underneath CRI Kashi German co-channel
 7330 WER S=9+30dB  Romanian
 9770 DHA S=8       En
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 9925 WER S=9+15dB  Xo/Kinyarwanda      500kW
11785 NAU S=8       Setswana
17585 ASC S=6-7     Fr

1900-2000 UT
 9590 WER S=9+20dB  Ar
 9775 UAE S=8       En
 9610 WER S=8-9     En
17585 ASC S=6-7     Fr
11840 WER S=9+15dB  Fr     500kW
 9390 A-A-KAZ S=9+35dB Ge
 9685.100 UAE S=8   Hausa   odd
 6065 MDA S=9+55dB  Italian beam  powerhouse
 9925 WER S=9+15dB  Kirundi
 9505 NAU S=9+40dB  Kikongo  500kW
 9490 UAE S=8       Lingala
 3955 MEY S=4 poor  Port  \\ 6100MEY
 3975 WER S=9+45dB  Serbian  250kW half power
 5930 MEY S=3 poor  Swahili, underneath signal
 9850 ARM S=9+15dB, buzzy some Hertz het of co-channel SAO?

2000-2100 UT
 6115 WER  S=9       Ar
 7539.900  A-A-KAZ   S=9+35dB   En  buzzy feeder audio
11690 ASC  S=9+20dB  En
12060 ASC  S=9+20dB  En
15195 ASC  S=9       En
 9390 A-A-KAZ  S=9+35dB  Fr
 9595 NAU  S=9+40dB  Fr

2100-2200 UT
 6115 WER  S=9+40dB    Ar
 9280 YUN-TWN S=9+5dB  Ch
 7539.900  A-A-KAZ   S=9+35dB   En  buzzy feeder audio
 7425 WER  missed, TX was off the air
 7430 MDA  missed, TX was off the air
 9610 WER  S=9+5dB     En
12060 ASC  S=9+15dB    En
15285 ASC  S=9+15dB    En
 9715 NAU  S=9+20dB    Fr
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(Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, May 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I also noted frequency changes. At 1900, 17555 carried the english programme instead of the French broadcast (JM Aubier, France, ibid.)

And today - the 31st - I heard at 0645 UT music and Bible reading in

English, and which was later announced as Nightwatch, on 7520, 7730, 9355, 9505, 9680, 9715, 9985, 11520 and 11580. This transmission was joined at 0700 by 9385 which had been carrying French until that hour. There was a multi-lingual announcement at 0700 - I think one was Polish - and in English it was said that "our President Harold Camping" would follow on air later. I didn't stay to listen, so don't know if he did put in an appearance or if this was just an old canned announcement (Noel R. Green (NW England), ibid.)

YFR APOLOGIES TEXT SENTENCE, FILLER PIANO AND VIOLINE MUSIC AND MOSTLY MENS CHORUS.

Noted two different filler music programs, first on the US outlets, BUT different to rest of the world, heard here in Europe, May 31. Very weak signals from Okeechobee tonight on 17 and 19 MHz [? 18 MHz?].

YFR starts at the hour, very short 'apologies' text sentence, filler music and mostly religious mens chorus or classical violine music.

List shows TX relay site and meaned program language.

1500-1600 UT
11570 EKA S=8-9 Bengali 1430-1530 separate,
and followed En sermon from 1530-1600 UT
9279.970 YUN-TWN S=7 Ch
11605.037 UAE S=4 poor odd signal. En
15520 UAE S=6-7 En
15495 ISS S=9+20dB Gujarati 500kW powerhouse
15209.340 EKA S=6-7 Hi 1430-1530
15670 NAU S=9+30dB Hindi, 500kW powerhouse
17800 WER S=9 Kannada 500kW powerhouse
11655 ARM S=9+25dB Marathi 300kW
12130 Mykolaiev-UKR S=7, Pashto
11505 ERV S=9+10dB Punjabi 300kW
9954.980 TAI-TWN S=9+15dB Ru
13790 ISS S=9+10dB Tamil 500kW powerhouse
12065 ARM S=9+20dB Urdu 300kW

1600-1700 UT
15750 WER S=8-9 Amharic 500kW powerhouse
13645 NAU S=9+25dB Ar 250kW reduced
13615 NAU S=9+25dB Farsi 500kW powerhouse
6280 TSH-TWN S=3 very weak Hindi
11680 WER S=9+30dB Hindi 500kW powerhouse
6100 MEY S=2 under threshold, Malagasy to AF
15160 NAU S=9+20dB Oromo 500kW powerhouse
9735 ARM S=9+10dB Punjabi
9590 MDG S=9+20dB Swahili

11505 ERV S=9+15dB Urdu

1700-1800 UT
 9790 UAE S=9+10dB Amharic
11885 ISS S=7-8 Ar 250kW
                 [co-channel QRM Urumchi in Uighur equal level]
13700 SKN S=9+30dB Ar 300kW
13840 WER S=8-9 Ar 100kW only
 7395 MDG S=7-8 En
13740 NAU S=9+25dB Farsi 500kW powerhouse
 6100 MEY S=2 under threshold, Fr
11760 WER S=9+30dB, Kurdish 500kW powerhouse
                 [co-channel QRM by two RTTY ditter signals on
                 11760.200-.500 and 11759.500-.800 kHz]
11600 WER S=9+25dB Ru
                 [underneath CRI Baoji in Swahili co-channel]
17785 ASC S=3-4 Shona, weak, azimuth away towards EaSouthAfrica
15255 RMP S=9+15dB Somali 500kW powerhouse
15750 WER S=8-9 fluttery. Swahili 500kW powerhouse
17690 WOF S=9+30dB Turkish 250kW
(Wolrgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 31, dxldyg via DXLD)

15190, WYFR, randomly from 2228 to 0013, May 31-June 1. How long have they been broadcasting in English here or was it just an error in their audio feed? Tuned in to hear religious programming in English, mixing with station in Portuguese. Was almost fooled into thinking it was R. Africa, but I stayed with it to hear positive Family Radio IDs (BoH and ToH); 2330-2357 "Family Bible Reading Fellowship"; // 15440 (strong). Unable to ID station in Portuguese; by 2330 WYFR in English was stronger than the UNID station.

If WYFR continues on in English here, folks will need to be very careful as to whether they are hearing them or Radio Africa! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ron, Most WYFR language services have been replaced by English since Judgement Day (non). Either they lost a lot of staff or it takes a while to retool and take out all the May 21 nonsense. Reformat, looking forward to the next target date, Oct 21.

Also, I think R. Africa has been missing from 15190 for longer than that; another protracted downtime for them? Best to check before 2200 or at totally different dayparts. I bet the Portuguese was R. Inconfidencia, Brasil (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

[and/or non]. 9590 (S10) // 9610(S10) // 9505 (S10) // 9685 (max S7) // 9390 (S10) // 9490 (S10) today June 1 the full network of YFR is

out of order transmitting only chants. OM is apologising for this condition. What happened? (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, Standard rig: ICOM R75 / 2x16 V / m@h40 heads Sennheiser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) TIMES?

EX-FOLLOWERS OF HAROLD CAMPING VOICE ANGER ON FAMILY RADIO
The Christian Post By Elena Garcia May 31, 2011
http://www.christianpost.com/news/ex-followers-of-harold-camping-voice-anger-on-family-radio-50691/

Harold Camping may have found some way to rationalize to himself why his May 21 rapture prediction did not occur but his followers, presumably now ex-followers, are still finding a way to cope with the failed forecast.

Those who follow the doomsday preaching on Family Radio truly believed that on May 21 they were going to ascend to heaven that day while the unsaved remained on earth until the final destruction of the earth on Oct. 21.

But on May 23, Camping took to the airwaves of Family Radio, where he serves as president, to adjust his prediction. He said he was mistaken that the judgment on May 21 would come in a physical way when it actually came in a spiritual sense.

However, the 89-year-old broadcaster maintained that the end of the world would still occur Oct. 21 and that the five months of predicted suffering would actually be condensed on that eventful doomsday.

But for many of his followers, too little came too late.

In the days leading up to the predicted "Judgment Day," Camping followers took drastic measures to prepare for their rapture. Some quit their jobs. Other sold their possessions to finance billboard campaigns announcing the May 21 date.

And still others, like the caller to Family Radio Monday, have lost something of even greater value: faith. The unnamed caller told Camping that over the 35 years he has been listening to Camping, he has followed him through two rapture predictions: one in 1994 and the second on May 21, 2011.

But now that Camping has been wrong twice, the Open Forum caller has struggled to keep faith in God.

"I've been studying the Bible with you all those years," said the caller Monday. "I thought nothing would shake my faith that I would go through all the tribulations and all that. But now that I see that it

didn't happen once again, all I look at is disappointment from our Father."

The caller commended Camping for "staying faithful" but expressed his own lack thereof. "In my case, I don't know what it means to be faithful anymore because I am really disappointed," the caller said in a saddened voice.

"I was one of those 200 million, Mr. Camping, that was praying for that day to come, not only to finally go be with the Father but also to finally see judgment like you said in the Good Book."

Addressing the caller and those who voiced similar concerns, Camping said that while he made a mistake in interpreting May 21 as a physical judgment, God used the faulty prediction to "accomplish his purposes" and "get the Gospel to the whole world." The radio preacher pointed out all the media attention surrounding his prediction that helped inform the world of imminent judgment.

"We were mistaken in looking at it in a physical way when actually we should be looking at it in a spiritual way," Camping reiterated Monday. "[But] God uses that in order to get his work done."

The Open Forum program Monday included a mix of callers, some condemning Camping for his false teachings while others expressed their continued support.

One ex-follower was so upset over Camping's failed prediction that he threatened the doomsday speaker with violence and used profanity to address him. "You're really pathetic, you know? I wasted all my money because of you. I was putting all my money and my hopes on you," an angry caller told Camping. "Do you understand? I wish I could see you face to face, I would smack you."

Camping attempted to explain himself but the caller sounded like he had enough. "Mr. Camping, you always say a lot of (expletive). I lost all my money because of you, you (expletive)," said the caller.

Despite the verbal attack against him, Camping proceeded on with his broadcast, the sound of his voice unaffected. "I'm sorry, I didn't hear your question. We've lost the caller. Shall we take our next call?"

Repeated calls to Family Radio in Oakland, Calif., inquiring about the future of Camping's role at the non-profit have not been returned. Camping receives no salary for his work for the radio network.
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) See also LESOTHO

** U S A [non]. DE QUE MANERA ESCUCHAS CVC? Estimado oyente:

En esta oportunidad y teniendo en cuenta que estamos actualizando nuestra base de datos, querÌa preguntarte de quÈ manera escuchas CVC?

Elige una o m·s de las siguientes opciones:

A travÈs de:
1) Radio afiliada? (una radio local que retransmite nuestra seÒal)
2) Intenet (escuchando CVC desde tu computadora o telÈfono)
3) Onda corta. (A travÈs de un aparato de radio que capte onda corta)

Simplemente selecciona responder y elige la respuesta que se ajuste a tu caso; te tomar· solo unos segundos. Por favor, envÌa esta respuesta, ya que es de vital importancia para nosotros en la tarea de mejorar cada dÌa nuestro servicio. Desde ya, muchas gracias por tu comprensiÛn y ayuda.

Daniel Zangaro, Coordinador Departamento RDS, CVC la voz.

Aunque el amigo Alex no reporto ningun medio para enviar la respuesta, pero pueden hacerlo a: ondacorta @ cvclavoz.cl

Por el colega ¡lex Robert en Facebook

NOTA: en la imagen incluida pueden ver el horario (reducido en la onda corta) de CVC la Voz (Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, May 28, DXLD)

The JPG schedule carries the strange effective dates of 8 May to 20 August. Looks like more SW cuts are likely. CVC already dropped Portuguese to Brasil a year or two ago. On this schedule, Spanish:

N/S America: 12-23 17680, 23-02 11665
Cono Sur: 12-22 9635, 22-02 9780
DRM to Brasil, even tho Spanish: 18-20 17640
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHILE for sked details

** U S A. As a former "class I-B" clear channel station, KGO [San Francisco] shares 810 with another former I-B, WGY Schenectady, and each station has to protect the other one's signal at night. That's usually done with directional nighttime antennas at both I-B signal (think Buffalo and Oklahoma City on 1520, or Sacramento and Cincinnati on 1530, or Chicago/Seattle on 1000), but the KGO/WGY situation was a little different. Both stations were owned by GE, which wanted WGY as its flagship. WGY is non-directional day and night, and KGO ran with just 7500 watts until the 1940s, when it moved to its present transmitter site and went directional with 50,000 watts day and night.

Because of the directional notches between the big 50,000-watt clears on I-B channels, it's typical for other (also directional) signals to get dropped in co-channel in between the I-B signals. In the case of 810, there was enough room between WGY and KGO for a 50,000-watt (day, at least) signal to go on the air in Kansas City, originally KCMO and now WHB. Much more recently, the former 800 station in Brighton, Colorado (near Denver) has moved to 810 and gone fulltime.

680 is non-directional and always has been; it was (at least in practice if not on paper) a I-A clear channel that didn't have to protect anyone else on its channel; much later on, the FCC authorized other high-power 680 signals in San Antonio, St. Joseph MO, Raleigh and Boston, all of which have to be directional protect KNBR.

It is *highly* unusual for a former class I station to be operating at variance from its licensed directional pattern. It would be very obvious if it were happening - the stations on 810 in Denver and Kansas City, for instance, would notice very quickly if KGO lost its null in their direction.

(KGO did operate non-directionally, at reduced power, for some time after the 1989 earthquake damaged two of its three towers. I suspect it may have been logged in the east back then...anyone have loggings from the winter of 1989-90?) s (Scott Fybush, May 17, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. New Station: 1510, KMYN, Isleta - Albuquerque. Hi All, I saw this on facebook via KD Radio:

"Join us Friday May 27th at the Caravan East night club, 7605 Central in Albuquerque. This is the Launch Party for our new Albuquerque station K-MINE 1510 AM. You will hear the same country music programs you hear on 980 AM in Grants on 1510 AM in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho Los Lunas and Belen. See you there!"

Previously 1500 KABR (dba Isleta Radio Co.) at the Alamo Navajo Indian Reservation. 73, (Doug Pifer, Salem OR, May 17, IRCA via DXLD)

They're about a month behind schedule! :) I visited with the KMIN 980 folks (well, with the owner, Derek Underhill) after the NAB Radio Show in mid-April, and at the time he said they planned to have KMYN on the air as early as April 20.

The new 1510 is diplexed with KTBL 1050, way south of Albuquerque. It will run 5000 watts day, 4200 watts critical hours, 25 watts at night, all aimed north. At night it will get creamed by the Denver 1510, but it should be fairly potent by day. s (Scott Fybush, NY, May 17, ibid.)

** U S A. Logs from the trip --- All times/dates are in Eastern

Time/Date with GMT in parentheses. Frequencies are in kHz unless otherwise specified.

The below logs (appended as [TLK-GSMNP]) were all made on a the stock Hyundai Sonata car radio while traveling to/from hiking in Tennessee, North Carolina and northeast GA, with approximate location of reception noted. This year, I took an alternate route up via the Suncoast Parkway to US-19 and through Thomasville and Albany, GA to GA-300. Then, US-41 from Cordele to Perry, and I-75 north. The return was via standard I-75 route from Atlanta south.

530, FLORIDA, (MIS), Columbia County Tourism Development, WNMY250, Lake City. 0755 (1155 Z) May 26, 2011. Usual long loop on area outdoor rivers and parks, Olustee Battlefield, hotels, etc. Male "WNMY250 5-30 AM on your radio dial" sporadically dropping atop the loop. [TLK-GSMNP]

830, GEORGIA, (TIS), Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. 1600 (2000 Z) May 21, 2011. Usual male parking loop. Strong on I-75/I-285 (south metro Atlanta). [TLK-GSMNP]

940, FLORIDA, WLQH, Chiefland. 1030 (1430 Z) May 21, 2011. "The New WZCC, Chiefland" slogan with promos for 940 (WLQH) and 1240 (WZCC) simulcast. Oldies, canned sat-feed, with local spots. Heard while passing through on US-19. [TLK-GSMNP]

970, GEORGIA, WVOP, Vidalia. 1708 (2108 Z), May 22, 2011. Poor, with the same Braves vs. Dodgers coverage as WFSC 1050 was feeding. Certainly a Georgia station, as spots for the Barbecue (BBQ?) Inn, EAC (?) Mobile Homes and the Georgia Lottery. WNIV, Atlanta is listed as Christian, still. So, checking http://tunein.com/radio/stations/Atlanta-Braves-Radio-Stations-a37913/ this is the only affiliate listed on 970. Fair at the Oconaluftee Visitor's Center parking lot. [TLK-GSMNP]

1050, NORTH CAROLINA, WFSC, Franklin. 1707 (2107 Z) May 22, 2011. Poor with Braves Radio Network Atlanta Braves vs. LA Dodgers, ID during break. Poor at the Oconaluftee Visitor's Center parking lot. [TLK-GSMNP]

1240, FLORIDA, WZCC, Cross City. 1030 (1430 Z) May 21, 2011. Same as 940 (see entry). [TLK-GSMNP]

1300, GEORGIA, WMTM, Moultrie. 1750-1810 (2150-2210) May 25, 2011. Heard southbound I-75 north of Valdosta with Michael Medvev syndicated talk, no ID TOH, into CBS news, again no ID coming out of the news and national spots when back to Medvev. Signal virtually gone at the FL/GA state line. [TLK-GSMNP]

1300, TENNESSEE, WMTN, Morristown. 1330 (1730 Z) May 23, 2011. Nice, oldie C&W/mountain-bluegrass vocals, Morristown store spots. Fair a few miles southwest of Gatlinburg on an unidentified gravel mountain road. [TLK-GSMNP]

1340, GEORGIA, WALH, Mountain City. 0852 (1252 Z) May 25, 2011. Thought they were silent again, passing south on US-441 just before crossing the NC/GA line southbound. But audio abruptly up with overmodulated blob followed a few seconds later by sat-fed Oldies audio and WALH and WGHC (1400, Clayton) canned ID. [TLK-GSMNP]

1400, GEORGIA, WGHC, Clayton. 0852 (1252 Z) May 25, 2011. Same as 1340 WALH entry, transmitter also abruptly up 0852. [TLK-GSMNP]

1610, FLORIDA, (MIS), Manatee Information Radio, Crystal River. 1000 (1400 Z) May 21, 2011. The usual long environmental loop by young Southern-accented female. Fairly small signal coverage. Audible while passing through on US-19. [TLK-GSMNP]

1610, FLORIDA, (TIS), Payne's Prairie State Park, Micanopy. 0835 (1235 Z) May 26, 2011. The usual long loop on the Park and wildlife while southbound I-75. [TK-GSMNP]

1610, GEORGIA, (MIS), Perry Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau. 1500 (1900 Z) May 21, 2011. The usual long male and female loop promoting local events, attractions and eco-friendly excursions. Fairly small signal these days, as heard northbound on I-75. [TLK-GSMNP]

1610, GEORGIA, (MIS), City of Forsythe. Silent, 1520 (1920 Z) May 21, 2011 while passing through on I-75. It was active this same week last year. [TLK-GSMNP]

1610, GEORGIA, (MIS), US Army Corps of Engineers, Buford Dam at Lake Sidney Lanier. 1730 (2130 Z) May 21, 2011. Still active with male loop regarding current lake water levels and boating-related information. Extremely weak now, barely audible only on I-985 at exit 12 (Flowery Branch). Probably has a year to go at best before the transmitter croaks. [TLK-GSMNP]

1610, NORTH CAROLINA, (TIS), Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Oconaluftee Visitor's Center. 1700 (2100 Z) May 22, 2011. Finally, with dedicated female loop instead of the generic transmitter factory test loop of the past nearly two years. Problem now is, the audio is FMing and there's a big pulsing noise ever second or so, rendering the audio useless. Mostly generic Park information with mention of the Sugarlands Visitor's Center on the north end of US-441 near Gatlinburg, and indeed the same loop is used there. The transmitting

stick at Oconaluftee remains attached to the back of the old Visitor's Center (which was replaced with the nice, new Center in April of this year). Logged on site. Signal barely audible in Cherokee, a couple of miles south. [TLK-GSMNP]

1610, TENNESSEE, (TIS), Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Sugarlands Visitor's Center. 1630 (2030 Z) Same loop as at Oconaluftee, only the transmitter is working closer to properly here (but not really -- very low modulation). Heard in and near the Center. [TLK-GSMNP]

1640, FLORIDA, (TIS/HAR), FL-589/Suncoast Parkway. The blue with white lettering sign on the south end (northbound) remains -- as presumably does the one on the opposite side of the Parkway -- but no active transmitter heard anywhere. May 21, 2011. [TLK-GSMNP]

1640, FLORIDA, (TIS/HAR), Florida's Turnpike, Okahumpka Service Plaza. 0935 (1335 Z) May 26, 2011. Turnpike traffic loop by male and female near the Turnpike exit on I-75. [TLK-GSMNP]

1680, FLORIDA, (TIS/HAR), FDOT, Jennings. The usual signage just across the state line on I-75 southbound, but as always, no active transmitter. But we do have new signage telling us who our new Governor is. [TLK-GSMNP]

87.9 MHz, FLORIDA, (Part 15), New Raman Reti Temple ISKON of Alachua. 0825 (1225 Z) May 26, 2011. Good signal for about 5-6 miles along I-75. Today, with female live read (or at least recorded live read) about Vishma's (that's how it sounded, but/and/or Vishna, Vishwa, Vishnu?) life, or in this case, death ("... She went to the forest to kill Vishma ..") and a little light Krishna chanting fillers. Must learn more about who killed Little V. Wish I would have kept my hardbound Krishna book from 30-ish years ago, obtained for a dollar donation at an I-75 rest stop in north FL. This is still probably my favorite oddball micro-FM'ers. [TLK-GSMNP]

87.9 MHz, GEORGIA, Center For Disease Control Radio (at Emory University), Atlanta. 1620 (2020 Z) May 21, 2011. This government-run and thus non-FCC dB low power FM'er remains active with male and female long looped segments regarding HIV, Lyme Disease, heart disease, stop smoking threats, etc. Audible briefly as always on I-75 north-central downtown Atlanta. [TLK-GSMNP]

98.1 MHz, GEORGIA, WJGG-LP, Thomasville. 1230 (1630 Z) May 21, 2011. Presumed the one with modern Christian vocals while passing through Thomasville on US-19. [TLK-GSMNP]

92.7 MHz, GEORGIA, WASU-LP, Albany. 1330 (1730 Z) May 21, 2011.

Presumed, with traditional jazz instrumental fill and possibly NPR talk programming, mixing with unidentified modern Christian vocals while just north of Albany on GA-300. Listed as owned by Albany State University (as calls would reflect), jazz format. [TLK-GSMNP]

93.1 MHz, GEORGIA, WSRD-LP, Albany. 1330 (1730 Z) May 21, 2011. Presumed with modern Christian vocals while passing through Albany on GA-300. [TLK-GSMNP]

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The below logs were made at the Clearwater, FL QTH with the JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire.

1520, FLORIDA, WBZW, Apopka. 0659 (1059 Z) May 30, 2011. Male canned, "This is what Orlando has been needing, 15-20 The BIZ... AM 15-20."

1520, FLORIDA, WEXY, Wilton Manors. 0700 (1100 Z) May 30, 2011. Abruptly up atop WBZW with male canned, "WEXY, Ft. Lauderdale, 15-20 AM" into local spots. No trace of local WXYB, Indian Rocks Beach on the channel yet.

1590, FLORIDA, WPSL, Port St. Lucie. 0654 (1054 Z) May 30, 2011. Rechecking the channel, now this dominating with live male, "Your News 15-90, the Talk of the Treasure Coast" into local weather and traffic. No sign of local WRXB, St. Pete Beach on the channel yet.

1590, GEORGIA, WALG, Albany. 0644 (1040 Z) May 30, 2011. Sports roundup by two guys, "News Talk 15-90, WALG" into Motel 6 etc. spots, back to sports.

1690, FLORIDA, (MIS), Pinellas County Traffic Management Center, Largo. This one is barely running a carrier (vs. the big FMing open carrier blob). In fact, it could be the Clearwater transmitter I'm hearing, with Largo completely off. Male ID still drops a couple of times per hour, IDing as this (with two sets of calls not copied). Presume the third site in central St. Petersburg next to a fire station remains inactive. Decent enough opening on 1690 that I was able to hear WMLB, Avondale Estates, GA post-sunrise this morning, May 30, 2011.

(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W
Florida Low Power Radio Stations:
http://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/
dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. New PhD Blazed Trail for Women in Radio
Alumni Profiles May 25, 2011, Sean Dandley

Donna Halper at her 2011 Umass graduation. "Let me say a special thanks to Jarice Hanson for mentoring me through the PhD dissertation, and Michael Morgan and Briankle Chang for believing in me back in 2002." [caption]

Walking across the Mullins Center stage to receive her PhD in communication a few weeks ago marked another milestone in 64-year-old Donna Halperís rather extraordinary life in radio and print. A well-known media historian, radio consultant, author of five books, and assistant professor at Lesley University, she also holds claim to discovering the rock group Rush back in the 1970s. In fact, Rush dedicated two albums to her. . .
http://www.umass.edu/sbs/alumni/profiles/halper.htm
(via Halper, ABDX via DXLD) See also PUBLICATIONS

** U S A. FCC TAKES EQUIPMENT OF BOSTON PIRATE:
http://www.universalhub.com/2011/feds-move-shut-pirate-radio-station
http://www.radio-info.com/news/fcc-has-seized-the-equipment-of-boston-pirate-datz-hits-radio-997

RADIO EQUIPMENT SEIZED FROM PIRATE RADIO STATION
Seizure of Datz Hits Radio 99.7 FM radio equipment comes after complaints of interference with signals of licensed broadcaster and FAA signals at Logan Airport --- WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011

BOSTON, Mass. - On May 13, 2011, federal officials executed a warrant, which was unsealed yesterday, for the seizure of the radio transmission equipment of a pirate radio station broadcasting in Boston without a license from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The radio equipment, used to broadcast for ìDatz Hits Radio 99.7 FM,î was located at a residential building at 25 Outlook Road, in the Mattapan area of Boston. A civil action has been brought seeking forfeiture of the equipment. According to an affidavit filed with the civil complaint, the radio broadcasting equipment was first discovered by FCC officials at another address in Boston. After FCC officials warned the operators they were broadcasting illegally and asked them to shut down the station, the equipment was moved to 25 Outlook Road where the illegal broadcasting resumed. Proceedings were then brought to seize and forfeit the radio broadcasting equipment. . .
http://www.justice.gov/usao/ma/news/2011/May/DatzRadio997PR.html

Older articles on this:

http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/dorchester/2010/10/pirate_radio_station_fined_by.html
http://arstechnica.com/media/news/2010/10/pirate-radio-the-revolt-that-just-wont-die.ars

http://www.insideradio.com/Article.asp?id=2189570&spid=32061

I found his stream:
http://www.ustream.tv/channel/datz-hits-radio-live

Government Seizes Radio Equipment From Boston Pirate
http://www.radioink.com/article.asp?id=2196494&spid=24698

Typically when a pirate gets in trouble with the law, the FCC issues a notice within a flurry of other notices. The agency doesn't seem to get too riled up over it, a lot of the times using the same technical attorney verbiage just inserting the latest pirate and fine amount. Yesterday was a different story. The government went out of its way to issue a specific press release, from a United States attorney, on a specific pirate. Clearly this was one pirate the government wanted to make an example of. And that all might have to do with the interference the pirate was causing at Logan airport in Boston.

The government seized the equipment from "Datz Hits Radio 99.7" after a warrant was executed at a residential building at 25 Outlook Road in the Mattpan area of Boston. According to an affidavit filed with the civil complaint, the radio broadcasting equipment was first discovered by FCC officials at another address in Boston. After FCC officials warned the operators they were broadcasting illegally and asked them to shut down the station, the equipment was moved to 25 Outlook Road where the illegal broadcasting resumed. The government did not name the pirates in the release.

The forfeiture action was brought after complaints were received from a licensed broadcaster about interference with its radio signal, and from the Federal Aviation Administration who complained of interference with radio communications at Logan Airport. ìIt is easy to take for granted the variety and quality of sound we enjoy in local radio stations. Underlying this is the licensing authority of the FCC, which ultimately ensures that legitimate stations can operate without interference from pirate stations,î said U.S. Attorney - Carmen M. Ortiz.

Original FCC release:
http://transition.fcc.gov/eb/News_Releases/DOC-306853A1.html
(all via Artie Bigley, OH, May 25-26, DXLD)

** U S A. FCC UPHOLDS $20K PIRATE FINE --- Radio Today May 31, 2011
http://www.rwonline.com/article/fcc-upholds-20k-pirate-fine/23602

The FCC has upheld a $20,000 fine against Nounoune Lubin for operating a pirate station in North Miami, Fla. On four occasions in late 2009 and into mid-2010, FCC agents from the Miami office traced the source

of an illegal signal on 90.1 MHz to Lubin's home.

Agents traced a cable from an antenna in the backyard to transmitting equipment in her home. After receiving two Notices of Unlicensed Operation for operating an unauthorized station, Lubin continued to operate the illegal station, according to the commission. That's when it decided on a $20,000 fine.

Lubin then claimed she did not operate the station, yet offered no other proof. The agency was unconvinced and said even if she herself didn't operate the station, the equipment was in her house, powered on and under her control.

The agency upheld the original penalty, which has now escalated to a forfeiture order. Lubin has 30 days to pay (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. FCC BUSTS ARE GETTING STRANGER AND STRANGER.

The FCC bust of WEAK has finally been posted on the DIY website, but it doesn't really tell you anything, other than it was 6930 kHz. Very odd. Usually they provide name, address and who filed the complaint. None of that. http://www.diymedia.net/fccwatch/eadtable11.htm

I've noticed a lot of Pirate Websites are posting info on FM busts, but this is the only Shortwave bust to get any attention. None of the busts or alleged busts that I've heard about fall into the usual category. I'm speculating, but it would appear that the FCC has been very busy on FM busts, and these HF busts simply fell into their laps, while pursuing the FM folks.

In other words, there doesn't appear to be a concentrated effort by the FCC to bust HF pirates. Just appears, to me that we've had a couple high profile busts because the operator was on the air at the wrong time, when the FCC was really looking for FM's.

HF pirates might want to check the neighborhood for FM pirates and if they find some, be especially careful when those FM's are on the air. Enforcement for FM's has been very active this year (Pat Murphy, Cat Herder, FRN Grapevine May 30 via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. MOBILE FM TRANSLATOR MOVER GETS PARKED --- 05.25.2011
http://www.radioworld.com/article/mobile-fm-translator-mover-gets-parked/23581

The case of the roving translators has been settled. The FCC Media Bureau signed a consent decree with Broadcast Towers Inc., licensee of five translators in Florida, ending an investigation that began in 2009.

The agreement means the agency stops an investigation into a unique case involving what some broadcasters considered an abuse of the translator process: a series of translator moves from the Florida Keys to the Miami market.

The BTI FM translators involved are W237CI, Miami Beach, W237DK, Leisure City, W258BQ, Homestead, DW224BW, Key Largo, and W296BP, Coral Gables.

BTI and its sole proprietor, William R. Lacy, agreed to stop broadcast operations in Florida. The FCC said it would cancel authorizations for the five translators and dismiss any pending applications related to them as well as other FM translator applications by BTI that propose communities of license in Florida. BTI agreed to spin off W285EH, Key West, by Dec. 31, or the FCC will cancel that authorization.

Lacy agreed that in future any transmitter site he specifies in any application will be available for continuous use, and he pledged to provide ìdependable serviceî on FM translator stations, according to the agency. BTI and Lacy also pledged to file only major change applications, rather than a series of minor change applications, to accomplish any major change in facilities of any FM translator station. The case evolved as follows.

BTI acquired CPs for the five Florida translators during a filing window in 2003. In 2007, it filed a series of minor mod applications.

The FCC stated that for each translator: ìThe application specified a roadside location for the translatorís transmitter. Upon grant of this application, Lacy drove out to the location, parked his vehicle and operated the translator for two to five hours using a telescoping antenna and portable generator. Lacy then discontinued operations, disassembled the equipment, loaded it back up into his vehicle, and drove away.î

BTI would then file an application for a license to cover the translatorís operations from the new roadside location and repeat the process, each time specifying a location closer to Miami, according to the Media Bureau.

It continued: ìWhile an application was pending, Lacy would drive out to the currently authorized location for the translator, park his vehicle and operate the translator for two to five hours once every 30 days. This ensured that BTI did not need to seek commission approval for the time the translator was off-air.î

Clear Channel and WXDJ Licensing brought this conduct to the FCCís

attention, alleging BTI abused the translator process by not providing dependable translator service, not notifying the FCC of intent to end operations for 30 or more days, not posting required station information and unattended operation. They also claimed that in some instances BTI lacked reasonable assurance of site availability.

In 2009, the FCC sent letters of inquiry to BTI asking about the allegations. For each translator, the commission said it found no evidence of any current or prior construction of FM translators at the latest and the previously authorized transmitter sites.

Lacy argued he had assurance all the sites heíd specified in the applications would be available because they were mostly public roads, parks or parking lots. He operated every translator at least once every 30 days and stated the FCC has no minimum operating schedule for FM translators.

He acknowledged there were no signs displaying station calls or contact information on the structure supporting the antenna at any of the sites. But he said the unattended operation charge was bogus because he was present when he operated any of the translators.

The consent decree does not require Lacy to make a ìvoluntary contribution to the U.S. Treasuryî ó because he provided sufficient proof that he doesnít have the funds to pay, the FCC said.

ó Leslie Stimson (Radio World via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. RADIO STATION CONNECTS JOPLIN TORNADO VICTIMS AFTER OTHER COMMUNICATIONS WERE CUT OFF --- May 25, 2011|by Jay Scherder, KY3 News

JOPLIN, Mo. -- While telephone service is slowing being restored, people are using that opportunity to call in to the Zimmer Radio Group. People have also been stopping by the stations, all waiting their turn to get out a message. Some are looking for loved ones; some are letting people know where they can get food or water. Many call the people who have been working the clock heroes. Those people, however, say they are just doing their job.

"I have never in my life seen a tornado with such destruction and power,î said Rob Meyer, program director at KIX 102.5.

Rob Meyer was one of the unfortunate ones. He lost most of his home to the tornado in Joplin. But, instead of lying down, he rose up, reaching out to the community when they needed him most.

"It really doesn't feel like work when you feel like you're doing some good,î said Meyer. Meyer and his fellow coworkers at Zimmer Radio have

been on the air nonstop since the storm warnings came out on Sunday.

"It was immediately that KIX was on the air and they were giving out names of people that were at nursing homes or were missing and we're looking for family,î said tornado victim Mary Ellen Greer.

Some of the DJs have hardly taken a break. "He was on the air 14, 15 hours maybe, before he took his first break,î said Meyer.

Telephone lines were down. Cell phones didn't work. There was no way for people to know whether their neighborhood had been destroyed or where their loved ones were.

"It was really hard telling some of these people that area was hit extremely hard,î said Meyer. "People were calling in and saying, "Hey, we have food here.í ëSuch and such is missing,íî said Greer.

While there were stories of sadness, there were also stories of hope. "The feeling we got internally when we matched up some of those families and getting the thank yous -- it was just incredible,î said Meyer. ìThe more I listened, I'm thinking what these guys are doing is fantastic,î said Greer.

A community that has taken such a hard hit has a group of people by their side, over the airwaves. "It's unreal. It's unreal. It makes you proud to be a Joplinite. We have good folks here,î said Greer (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. I knew tropo from the north was up, when my feeder for Indonesia set on 90.7 MHz had QRM to cope with, so turned on the DTV and rotated the antenna, May 31 around 1430 UT, to find signals decoding from Kansas City area, with true RF channels first:
34, 4-1, WDAF DT, Regis (sure looked like WDRF on the PSIP font),
     4-2, WDAF SD with AntennaTV, Ernie Kovacs movie ``Operation Mad
          ``Ball, confused with 27, KFOR, OKC, 4-3 with same
41, 38-1, KMCI-TV; didn`t take time to explore all the subchannels
42, 41-1, KSHB-TV NBC; 41-2, Action Weather Plus same look as KFOR 4-2
47, 62-1, KSMO-TV religious
(Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WDAY TV, AM RADIO EQUIPMENT DAMAGED
The Forum, Fargo, By Josie Clarey, June 01, 2011
http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/321817/group/News/

After Memorial Day storms brought station programming to a halt for WDAY TV and WDAY-AM 970 radio, engineers are assessing damage. WDAY Channel 6 news went down Monday around 9 p.m., and when a generator couldn't keep the equipment cool enough, programming was shut down.

"We're working on getting a generator in to get the bigger air-handling unit back online," said WDAY Operations Manager Sue Eider.

While regular programming resumed Tuesday afternoon, Xcel Energy restored power to the station about 4:50 p.m.

Although there was no direct damage to the building or the station, Eider said the temperature will take its toll on the equipment. "This just added insult to injury with the radio towers on west Main going down," she said.

Eider said there is no way to assess how much revenue was lost while programming was down. "Network programming will be lost, there's nothing we can do," Eider said. "We'll work with them (advertisers) to give them make-goods."

Even though no permanent damage was sustained to the news station, storms damaged all three WDAY-AM 970 radio towers.

Talk-show host Jay Thomas was informed of the news shortly after 9 p.m. Monday. "One tower was completely collapsed," Thomas said. "It looks like somebody just grabbed it and slammed it into the ground. The second tower, a little above halfway up, is just snapped."

Thomas said the third tower is still standing, but wind and tree damage has twisted the metal.

Eider said the radio station is able to stream radio programming. Listeners can hear programming online at www.wday.com or through their TVs on Channel 6-3. As of right now, Eider said crews are assessing whether the tower can be saved.

"We just don't know yet," Eider said. "We're hopeful that we can get that one tower back up so we could be live." Like TV, Eider said there's no way to determine yet how much radio revenue has been lost.

"Just like television, with advertisers, we will work with them and do the best we can to make good the spots once we get back up to power," she said. "We just don't know when that is."

As for the damaged towers, Eider said they will have to be completely rebuilt, and insurance talks have already started. "We're talking months before we're back to where we were yesterday (Monday)," she said (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

With photo: looks like the radio towers were ``self supporting``, including the one bent over in the foreground (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. PBS PLANS PROMOTIONAL BREAKS WITHIN PROGRAMS
By ELIZABETH JENSEN May 30, 2011

FOR decades, the uninterrupted programming on PBS has been one of its most distinctive selling points to audiences and philanthropic and corporate supporters alike. But those leisurely stretches of break-free programs could be going away.

PBS officials told member stations at its recent annual meeting in Orlando that beginning this fall, the Wednesday science series "Nature" and "Nova" would contain corporate and foundation sponsor spots, promotional messages and branding within four breaks inside the shows, instead of at the very beginning and end.

The longest period of uninterrupted programming, according to a plan shown to the programmers, would be just under 15 minutes, compared with the current 50 minutes or more. Based on what PBS learns in the fall, the new format would continue to be introduced night by night through the year, officials said.

Even before the plan became public last week, it was being intensely debated among PBS station executives and program producers. While many support testing the new model, others are worried about how viewers and the financial supporters will react, and if PBS can recover should they react badly.

The great unknowns are whether PBS viewers will welcome receiving programming in shorter bites, or rebel against a move they see as more commercial, and if foundation supporters will see the change as an abdication of mission.

"One of the biggest things they have to sell is that they are noncommercial," said David D. Oxenford, a partner with the law firm Davis Wright Tremaine, who represents some public broadcasters.

"My first reaction is that in any kind of marketing opportunity, if you give up something that is desirable and differentiates you from your competition, it's too bad, and that's what this is," said Alberto Ibargueen, a former PBS board chairman and president and chief executive of the Knight Foundation, which finances some public broadcasting initiatives. But, he added, "the people of PBS would not do this lightly."

The change is meant to address a serious problem. Currently, the messages that a PBS station broadcasts are packed into a block at the end of each show, which, for hourlong programs, sometimes stretches to nearly eight minutes. Not surprisingly, viewers routinely flee.

"It's almost as if someone pulled the fire alarm and they scrambled for the exits," John F. Wilson, the chief programming executive for PBS, told attendees to the annual meeting, while exhibiting a Nielsen ratings chart showing a steep cliff where the audience disappeared between shows. (PBS executives declined to quantify the falloff depicted.)

Such an exodus makes it harder for PBS to build up an audience for the show that follows, Mr. Wilson said.

Under the new plan, there would be no break between shows, a transition known as a "hot switch" used by many cable networks. To accomplish this, the sponsor messages, PBS "Be more" branding spots, and show promotions would run inside programs, in short pods of under two minutes.

Mr. Wilson, in an interview, said viewers would never be more than one minute and 40 seconds away from actual program content. And, he noted, PBS shows would still be "the longest hour in television in terms of content," with as much as 54 minutes of programming, compared with about 40 minutes for commercial networks.

All shows may not end up being candidates for breaks. "I'd look really carefully at a `Masterpiece' drama, at how we'd do that or how often we'd do that," he said. But many producers, who now have the luxury of structuring their shows without worrying about where the breaks will come, are likely to have to adapt. PBS is meeting with some concerned producers this week.

Jon Abbott, the president and chief executive of WGBH in Boston, which produces "Nova," "Masterpiece" and "Frontline," among others, called it a "missed opportunity" if viewers don't see the work. He added, however, that "we have a lot of people who care about the work and care about our way of presenting work; that trust, the values that people place in public media are things that we are very attentive to and respectful of."

The plan is "a fundamental change" likely to elicit viewer complaints, John Boland, the president and chief executive of KQED in San Francisco, said via e-mail. However, in the end, he wrote, "this is not a test of what people say but rather what they do. Do they spend more time or less time watching PBS stations with embedded breaks and a hot switch? There is ample evidence that this strategy has worked for commercial TV, and there is ample evidence that our viewers may be concerned about change but won't desert us if we provide a reasonable explanation and continue to provide quality programming that simply is not available anywhere else (and certainly not available without

interruption)."

PBS told station executives that they should check with their lawyers to make sure that they weren't violating Federal Communications Commission policy governing noncommercial stations, but Mr. Wilson said he was confident the new policy wa legal. F.C.C. guidelines, he said, allow stations to acknowledge sponsors at "natural breaks," and shows like "Nova" and "Antiques Roadshow" can be divided into chapters, just as noncommercial NPR programs already do.

"It's not like this is untested, uncharted territory in some respect," he said.

Mr. Oxenford said that under F.C.C. rules, announcements and acknowledgements may not interrupt regular programming. But sponsor messages are allowed at the beginning and end of shows, between identifiable segments of longer programs, or during station breaks, "such that the flow of programming is not unduly interrupted."

Programs like "Antiques Roadshow," which PBS said was scheduled to move to the new model starting in January, might indeed have identifiable breaks, "between looking at Grandma's sofa and the 1850s flintlock someone had in their basement," he said (NY Times via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** URUGUAY. 2305 UT 25 de mayo, 5931, Emisora Chan·, Uruguay ("En el aÌre de SudamÈrica... Emisora Chan·"). TenÌa un muy intenso desvanecimiento. Es la primera vez que la escucho por ac· y me imagino que transmite con bastante baja potencia. Saludos a todos (Miguel Castellino, Argentina?, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** VATICAN [non]. 13730, Vatican Radio via CANADA, May 26 at 1201 in English news, clips of Obama saying Q`daffy must go; and of his address to Parliament/Westminster, as VR tries to sound like a secular news source! Fair signal with SAH but no audio from DW via PORTUGAL; see GERMANY [non].

BTW, I just noticed in HFCC that an earlier semi-hour in Portuguese has been added to this relay, 1055-1130, 100 kW, 163 degrees, besides Spanish from 1130, 100 kW, 189 degrees.

13730, Sunday May 29 at 1212 open carrier -1215:00*. Lacking a Sunday program in English from VR, Sackville kept the transmitter on anyway; did modulation stop at 1200 after Spanish? Then I could still hear a much weaker carrier, i.e. DW via PORTUGAL if it still exist (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [non]. And I do mean non! Yet another Sunday, May 29,

without `AlÛ, Presidente`, all five RHC relay frequencies vacant at 1547, 17750, 15370, 13750, 13680 (except for something else), 11690. Checking the website, we find on http://www.alopresidente.gob.ve/info/2/2100/%5Caluepresidente%5Cde_fiesta.html that the show celebrated its twelfth anniversary last Sunday, when it was also not really broadcast, but no explanation found of what the excuse is this week, just the crawler at the upper right confirming that it will not be on May 29 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 12019.345, V of Vietnam, Hanoi, via Son Tay site, S=9+5dB at 1227 UT, ID in Japanese, 'Sayonara...'. Then switch of 60 seconds duration, from 57 to 117 degrees feed from Japan to Indonesian beam.

Another VOV outlet in Russian language was very even on 12000 kHz at same time. Co-channel DWL Trincomalee like synchronized at 1230 UT. (Wolfgang B¸schel, May 20/21, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 6297.15, Polisario Front, Rabouni, ALGERIA, 1035-..., 30/5, Arabic, interviews, music; 45444; parallel to 1550 which remains their only frequency evenings. I am including an audio clip of both 1550 & 6297.15, made yesterday, 30/5 at 1203 local, 1103 UT. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN. 9780.13, Republic of Yemen Radio. San'a, 0417-0457, May 26, traditional Arabic music. Arabic talk. Poor to fair in noisy conditions. Irregular. Covered by Spain DRM on 9780 at their 0457 sign on (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. A-11 of CVC International, 1 Africa via LUS=Lusaka:
English to West Africa and Nigeria
0600-2000 on 13590 LUS 100 kW / 315 deg
2000-2200 on 9505 LUS 100 kW / 315 deg

A-11 for Christian Voice via LUS=Lusaka:
English to South and Central Africa
0500-1700 on 6065 LUS 100 kW / non-dir
1700-0500 on 4965 LUS 100 kW / non-dir
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 1 June via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3945.0, 15.5 1915, A weak carrier here on the Asian Flag indicates a possible R Vanuatu which is said to be active again on this frequency. But beware, David Sharp heard AIR in Urdu here May 20 at 1719 under someone elseís open carrier (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin May 29 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4864.992, 28.5 2256*, unID LA with sign off at this time. Much weaker than the Brazilian on 4865.027 (Thomas Nilsson,

Sweden, SW Bulletin May 29 via DXLD) see also BRAZIL: 4864.341

UNIDENTIFIED. 4995/USB, UNID time pips, 2 sec gap at ToM and then long beep for minute, occasional doubled ticks like for UT/UT1 adjustment code going to RAPID beeps at :51 instead of ticking on the second. No ID heard and not a familiar format. one of the Russians off channel? ideas? 0148-0200 21/May (Special for the last day of time?) (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet 27 May via DXLD)

Isn`t RWM Moscow the only active Russian TS on HF any more? So it would seem from WRTH page 669, and on page 566 none others anywhere just below 5000 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

4995/U UNID time station; 0146-0152+, 21-May; 1 sec. pips & only tone @ToM--no anmts. At 0150 the 1 sec. pips started to chatter but the ToM tones remained (Harold Frodge, DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet 27 May via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5745, May 29 at 0448, very poor signal with music and talk aside much stronger WTWW 5755. Altho in other seasons this frequency is used by R. MartÌ and WYFR, for A-11 only WWRB is registered, but at 2200-0400 only. Don`t you believe that`s really in use, let alone for The Overcomer as in Aoki. What I heard may have been receiver overload from something else on 49m (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6899.3, May 29 at 0442, weak AM signal with undermodulated music, presumed pirate, eclipsed by intermittent Spanish 2-way SSB on the hi side mentioning Chihua2. Has the 42m band to itself after WYFR closes both 6875 and 6985 at 0445. Still at 0455, but about all I can hear is the steady beat amounting to 136 per minute; is it really with music? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7195.0, May 29 at 0437, surprised to hear big steady S9+20 AM signal with rock/soul music, good modulation, but cut off the air as another song started, never to return tho I kept a receiver on frequency past 0500. Could be a ham testing illegally, or some broadcaster initially punching up the wrong frequency. While it briefly lasted, better signal than just about anything else on 7 MHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7200.084, on May 23 at 0024 UT noted an UNID language transmission in East Asian sound, like Mongolian, Korean or similar, like probably Yakutsk in Yakutian, very weak. Still a puzzle. But odd frequency outlet is very unusual for Russian broadcasters (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 26 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15270, May 26 at 1226-1227*, 1 kHz tone much like that on 13730 from presumed Sines, Portugal non-DW relay, which continued past 1227; but nothing scheduled now on 15270 per HFCC, Aoki and EiBi (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15400: Hello: I'm listening here (in Barcelona, Spain) on 15400 kHz at 1610 UT, melodic music program whose signal appears above Ascension BBC. There is no record in Aoki and EIBI. Any ideas? Cordialmente, (Tom·s MÈndez, May 29, http://www.amarantadx.net dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Been sitting on 15400 randomly since 1700. Non-stop music sounding at times like Greek/Balkan under BBC. No IDs I've noted so far. 73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, 1751 UT, ibid.)

Hi Everyone, 15400 its +20 on the scale here! BBC in background, no ID, though. Music ends, then quiet for a few seconds and next track on! (Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, 1806 UT, ibid.)

The same thing in Southern Saxonia/Anhalt - Germany. Just a song came in Balkan music. The language was not Greek. I think this could have been Macedonian or Bosnian. The chorus was repeated again and again "rukovar". I suspect 99% of a pirate in this area: Southern Ex-Yugoslavia. I separate the audio of both stations (something) virtually with SoDiRa .... C-QUAM stereo-Mode.... 73+55 (Roger, 1826 UT May 29, ibid.)

Unlikely a pirate, as stronger than BBC here, continuous repetitive music 1827-1833+; not // Greece 15630. Possibly HCJB Australia testing new antennas? On a frequency they use elsewhen (Glenn Hauser, 1836 UT May 29, ibid.)

Dear Listeners: I just tune into the frequency of 15400 kHz at 1908 UT and many are reporting hearing music and no announcements, ditto at my location in TN as well. Signal has minor peaks but can detect it audible and readable. S9 over 5 at times using Sangean ATS818ACS receiver. Now seeming to cut in and out. Could this be a test from HCJB Australia at this hour? Perhaps GH can find out something on his end. Until the mystery is solved we won't know what is occupying this frequency. 73's, (Noble West, BMSS, Clinton TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Resumed monitoring 15400 at 1859 -- still romantic vocal music, pauses between cuts, but no break on the hour, no ID or any announcements. Nice for napping. Makes slow SAH with BBC. Perhaps someone has measured HCJB`s exact frequency vs Ascension`s? BBC JBA underneath, showing with a bit of talk during music pauses. At 1932 BBC began to gain on it, by 1955 BBC atop and after 2000 more or less readable for Newshour with music underneath, but still only a poor signal (Glenn

Hauser, OK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Still hearing the unID on 15400 at 2024 UT in Baltic or Asian language with YM and YL conversing between songs. I emailed HCJB Australia to see if they know about this mystery transmission. Had not heard back from them yet. This is on Sunday, May 29, 2011. May require further chex. 73's, (Noble West, BMSS, Clinton TN, ibid.)

15400, following tips from Tom·s MÈndez in Spain, Jari Savolainen in Finland, Mark Davies in Wales, Roger in Germany, on the dxldyg, about music playing here co-channel to BBC Ascension, May 29 at 1827 I too hear Greekish music atop BBC but not // ERA 15630. 1859 still going, making slow SAH with BBC, pause at 1859:25 but seguÈ to next piece, no ID or any announcements ever heard from this. Slow romantic vocal music, nice for napping. BBC only audible during pauses, but by 1932 BBC is gaining, and at 1955 is atop tho only with a poor signal itself. 2000 `Newshour` is more or less readable with the music underneath. Roger thinks the music is not Greek but Balkan.

Please check for this again May 30! One theory of mine: HCJB Australia testing new antenna/transmitter site it has been working on; 15400 is a frequency they use a lot elsewhen. Precision frequency measurement or direxional antenna might provide a clue if still no announcements (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Listeners: I just recieved this message from HCJB Australia contradicting the fact they broadcast on 15400 daytime. And no testing by them on this frequency-see below. 73's, (Noble West, BMSS, Clinton TN, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

----- Original Message -----
From: "HCJB Australia English" <english@hcjb.org.au>
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 10:03 PM

Hello, Thank you for your email. You requested information regarding our programs. I am not aware that we do test programs. We do have our latest schedule on our website, http://www.hcjb.org.au
Looking at our schedule I am not sure that this was HCJB Australia. We do broadcast on 15340 to India at this time, 15400 is our evening frequency. Blessings (Margaret, on behalf of HCJB Australia, via West, ibid.)

It may well have been something other than HCJB, but if she is at Melbourne HQ, she may not know exactly what is going on at Kununurra with testing, etc. 18-20 UT is not `daytime`, but 2-4 am in W Australia. And they do NOT broadcast normally on 15340 at `this` time in question, either. Noble, see if you can get thru to someone for sure at Kununurra. Nothing but BBC heard there today (Glenn Hauser,

ibid.)

Glenn, Totally agree to 100%. Mostly no administrative employee at Melbourne or Sydney knows what happens on the "technical front" in Kununurra. vy73 de Wolfy (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

This is a copy of the following message you sent to HCJB Melbourne via HCJB Global Australia. This is an enquiry e-mail via http://www.hcjb.org.au from: Noble West

Dear Friends At HCJB Melbourne: I was tuning by 15400 at 1908 UT on Friday of last week and heard choral music and other type music in an Asian or Greek language and wondered if you were testing in your local mornings or our local daytime hours? There were no mentions of where it was coming from and thought you might know. Fairly strong but weak carrier co channel BBC Ascension on 15400. Let me know if this might be HCJB Australia. Thanks and 73's from North America, Noble at BMSS (via West, DXLD) It wasn`t Friday, but Sunday May 29 (gh, DXLD)

15400, May 30 at 1810, only BBC heard today, no `Balkan` music test, tho I did not check later as it was audible past 2000 on May 29. Whence? Let`s check once again May 31; see also AUSTRALIA.

15400, May 31 at 1920, nothing but BBC again today. We may never know the source of the Balkan(?) music tests on May 29 only, as early as 1610 and past 2000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Glenn, Still enjoying the show. I didn`t get a chance to input the survey, but I listen to a download of the latest WoR show burnt to CD and enjoy during a weekly half-hour derive with a notepad nearby. Wish I could offer more money but --- keep up the great work! (Rob Holman, Flat Rock MI, with a check to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702, DXLD 11-21 via WORLD OF RADIO 1567)

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YOU'RE INVITED to the New Free Radio Cafe forums!

Greetings, Shortwave & Pirate Radio operators, listeners, fans and friends! John Poet here, from 'The Crystal Ship'

I am extending my invitation to you to join a brand-new radio forum,
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intended to cover north american and european pirate radio, pirate QSLs, shortwave broadcasting, FM and low-power broadcasting, utilities and technical topics, and possibly more, The Free Radio Cafe forums!
http://freeradiocafe.com/forum/

I will be the administrator and primary moderator of the site. I have had a few folks in already to help me test and tweak the site, and now it is ready to roll! (My thanks to those who helped!)

Registration is open and automated. You won't have to be "sponsored", "interviewed" or otherwise try to "justify" your desire to join this site. Just click on the "Register" link near the top-right, or use this link to the registration area:
http://freeradiocafe.com/forum/ucp.php?mode=register

As I am a long-time "amateur webmaster" elsewhere, this is something I have long wanted to do-- but as a free radio broadcaster, 'security concerns' made it more difficult to do anything about it. Special arrangements have now made it possible.

The Free Radio Cafe forums run on the modern phpBB3 software system. Posters have an array of easy push-button options to 'jazz up' their posts; and you can easily embed YouTube videos, and send private messages to other users whose preferences allow it.

Our domain home page is temporary; we hope to soon add other features to help differentiate us from the other radio sites that are out there. For now, the Free Radio Cafe forums are open!
http://freeradiocafe.com/forum/

So c'mon down and give us a look. Register, check out the 'Cafe Lounge' and maybe make a post or two... and be sure to post your pirate radio logs over the holiday weekend! To all my many friends, I would deeply appreciate your support of this new forum during this critical launch period. The oncoming holiday weekend seemed like a good time to open. So I hope to see you there!
http://freeradiocafe.com/forum/

Here's wishing everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend!
(John Poet, Admin, The Free Radio Cafe Forums
http://freeradiocafe.com/forum/ freeradiocafe @ gmail.com
May 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Is this hosted in Victoria BC? (gh)

'I STARTED IN RADIO WHEN I WAS 13.'
Radio World By Paul McLane May 5, 2011
http://www.radioworld.com/article/'i-started-in-radio-when-i-was-13-.'/23563

Earl Reilly worked in radio and TV in the Pacific Northwest for 60

years, with job titles like GM, broker and ad rep. But techies will recognize kin: "My life in broadcasting began while I was living at our family home in Everett, Wash.," Reilly writes on page 1 of his humor book "According to Earl."

"I became interested in technical radio. In those days to develop personal radio equipment you wound your own coils, assembled parts and build everything from scratch according to a circuit diagram. I obtained some condensers and resistors (they were called grid leaks then) from old, discarded Atwater Kent battery radios.

"My first one-tube radio was powered by Burgess dry cell batteries. I strung a copper wire from my bedroom to a neighbor's tree. With my earphones I was able to hear shortwave stations from all over the world. It was a thrill to hear Big Ben strike on the hour from London's BBC Radio."

Reilly proceeds to offer us "untold humorous stories and bloopers from early radio and TV" including anecdotes about building an amateur radio rig in a tiny room at the YMCA; his brief stint as chief engineer at KRKO; his air persona as "Spike Hogan" at KXA; his decision to take a sales job at KING in 1952; his move into television and the rep biz.

Autobiographical books like Reilly's show up often at Radio World. I enjoy telling you about them.

Please understand something: These aren't likely to be Pulitzer Prize winners. They won't bolt you into your sofa for weeks as a great David McCullough or Laura Hillenbrand story would. They don't arrive gorgeously bound. The spacing of text might be streeeeeetched just to fill space; the editing might be iffy. Some look amateurish.

I say all this because I want you to know what you're getting if you buy some of the books I mention. But if you love to sit around and "talk radio," such books will appeal regardless. You probably don't care whether they are thick or pretty. Their stories offer us a slice of what radio looks like, or looked like, through the eyes of peers. They let us "sit down with a colleague" and pass pleasant time.

Eunice Randall, Boston's first female announcer, is shown in 1921 at the AMRAD studio (photo). Courtesy Arcadia Publishing/Eunice Stolecki

Reilly's is a good example. It consists of only 100 pages of spacious text; you can hand the book to another radio history lover after you've zipped through it in one sitting. And it would be a pleasant sitting, given Reilly's technical chops and fearlessness about looking silly. (The three dozen photos include a few doozies including "the

infamous office rock" and one of Earl with George the dead elk.)

"According to Earl" is an unpretentious piece of personal broadcast history, a lightweight paperback from a guy who doesn't take himself too seriously. Find it at the NAB Store or online retailers like Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Retail: $12.95.

More book reviews: by Radio World, By Paul McLane, May 25, 2011

"The New DXer's Handbook" - Here's a free PDF about the basics of successful DXing. Download it at dx-code.org/newdxer.pdf Material is by Bryce K. Anderson, K7UA, based on work for the membership of the Utah DX Association, of which he was president.

"Radio Survives and Thrives" - Described as a history of Kentucky broadcasting from 1945-1970, this isn't really a book, it's more a chapter, and a short one, at that. In fact author Kenneth D. MacHarg originally wrote the material for use in a larger work. He penned it in 1996 and wanted to disseminate it now for folks interested in the Kentucky subject matter. This is very short; you will wish for more, given the promise of the title. It lists for $8.99 and can be purchased at http://www.createspace.com or $4.99 in Kindle edition at Amazon.

"Public Radio Resource Guide" - The Public Radio Satellite System recently updated an online handbook that provides resources for public stations, producers and vendors. PRSS promises this is "more robust than a previous print version." The organization used to publish a "Producers Resource Guide" but stopped eight years ago. Find the guide to technology, training, resources, funding and conferences at http://www.prss.org "Vox Populi" - Seven hundred pages of Bill O'Shaughnessy: his radio interviews, podium remarks, tributes to fallen friends and print editorials.

The Whitney Radio owner is known as a First Amendment defender; he's also a raconteur, a backslapping affable guy. This is his fourth collection and it's perfect for reading for 10 minutes each night. You won't be disappointed when this $35 hardback lands heavily on your desk. (And of course there's lots of Mario Cuomo.) Published by Fordham University Press (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

BOSTON RADIO

Radio World By Paul McLane May 5, 2011
http://www.radioworld.com/article/'i-started-in-radio-when-i-was-13-.'/23563

Not a personal recounting, but reflective of a personal love affair, is Donna Halper's book on Boston radio. It isn't much thicker than

Reilly's but is jammed, front to back, with fabulous photos. I mentioned it on RW's blog and share it here.

The "Images of America" series from Arcadia Publishing explore aspects of local U.S. history through great archival photos. I wrote in 2008, "If Arcadia knows what's good for it, the company would launch a full series of radio station history books in the mold of this WLS title. They'd have a hit."

Maybe the publisher was listening, I don't know; but here comes Halper, who takes readers from Boston radio's formative years and the ensuing Golden Age, right up to the "Internet age." There are pix and stories about WBZ, the Yankee News Service, Arnie Ginsburg (that's "Woo Woo" on the cover), Curt Gowdy and pioneering 1XE, later WGI, the "AMRAD" station. And more.

The book of black-and-white photos retails for $21.99; you can find out more about it and search for other radio titles at
http://www.arcadiapublishing.com
(via Mike Terry, May 29, dxldyg via DXLD)

UPDATED LIST OF AM STATIONS AND FM STATIONS BY FREQUENCY

Although not a book, you can download and then print the information from FM/TV DX'er Girard Westerberg's awesome dxfm.com website. If you don't have Excel, there are free readers or you can use Open Office to open them. The nice thing about being in spreadsheet form, you can hide columns, sort by calls, frequency, state/province and so on. They can also help you track your closest unheard and highlight distance accomplishments.

FM / TV / DTV / AM SPREADSHEETS NOW AVAILABLE

NOW AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD... I offer a variety of Excel spreadsheets, created using data extracted from the FCC's Consolidated Data Base System (CDBS) and the Canadian Broadcast Data Base System (BDBS). Plug in your latitude and longitude, and these spreadsheets will calculate the azimuth and distance to every listed facility. The U.S. and Canadian spreadsheets are typically updated each week. Mexican FM & TV spreadsheets are updated only when new data is discovered. These are very useful tools for the serious FM, TV and AM DXer. These spreadsheets may be freely used and distributed.
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http://dxfm.com/
US AM: http://dxfm.com/Database/AM%20USA.zip
Canadian AM: http://dxfm.com/Database/AM%20CAN.zip

PS: Thanks to Girard for hosting these!

73, (via Dave in Indy Hascall, IRCA via DXLD)

THE TINY TRAP
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Hi, Glenn! Since you mentioned Malta on the latest WoR, it reminded me that I wanted to mention to you that NPR got caught in "The Tiny Trap" a few days ago in a news item about Malta, in which they referred to "the tiny Mediterranean island of Malta" regarding its religious composition and legislation involving abortion (Will Martin, MO, May 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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REMINDER: PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 3, 9 AM [EDT = 1300 UT], BBG Headquarters

You are invited to join the Broadcasting Board of Governors for its first ever public meeting on Friday, June 3, 2011 in Washington, D.C. About a year into their appointments, Governors will outline initiatives to reform U.S. international broadcasting, provide an update on the BBG strategic review, announce the Burke Award winners to recognize courage, integrity and originality of BBG journalists, and take questions from the public on U.S. international broadcasting.

If you have not already registered, please visit http://bbg.eventbrite.com/ to register by June 1.

Date: Friday, June 3, 2011
Time: 8:30 a.m. check in
9:00 a.m. meeting begins

Place: BBG Headquarters
Cohen Auditorium
330 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20237
(Please use Independence Avenue Entrance)

You are invited to submit questions in advance via pubaff@bbg.gov with "BBG Public Meeting" in the subject line. Further agenda details will be forthcoming.

If you are unable to attend in person, this event can also be viewed Live and On Demand at http://www.bbg.gov For questions or further information, contact the Office of Public Affairs, 202-203-4400, pubaff@bbg.gov

Security:
Please arrive by 8:30 a.m. to allow time for Security. Photo identification is required (DHS requires a U.S. issued driver's license or U.S./Foreign passport for entry to a Federal facility).

Take Metro:
Two blocks from Federal Center Southwest Metro (Blue & Orange lines)
Three blocks from LíEnfant Plaza Metro (Yellow, Green, Blue, Orange lines)

Parking: Very limited street parking; paid public garages nearby.
(BBG PR May 25, via Clara Listensprechen, DXLD)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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RSGB RESPONDS TO OFCOM INACCURACIES ON PLT
Southgate 26 May 2011

The RSGB is very concerned at the content of the recent Ofcom statement on PLT and feel they must respond publicly to correct several misleading and inaccurate points.

Read the Radio Society of Great Britain's response at
http://www.rsgb.org/news/pdf/responses/rsgb-response-to-ofcom-statement-of-27-April-2011.pdf

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/may2011/rsgb_plt_response.htm
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

CALL FOR POWERLINE STANDARDS TO AVOID AIRCRAFT INTERFERENCE POWER
PCPro By Stewart Mitchell 25 May 2011

"Once you get past 80 MHz youíre in the same range as automated landing systems and once you get to 150 MHz you have DAB radio."

The powerline networking industry needs to agree standards or risk causing interference with automated airplane landing systems and other key radio technologies, according to a manufacturer.

Powerline technology (PLT), which uses home wiring to transmit data, has long angered amateur radio enthusiasts because it causes interference to the radio spectrum.

Now, with sales of products using higher frequencies expected to increase, there are real concerns that the technology could have more damaging effects. Read more:

http://www.pcpro.co.uk/news/367621/call-for-powerline-standards-to-avoid-aircraft-interference#ixzz1NRmkP7rC
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See AUSTRALIA; CHILE; NEW ZEALAND;
++++++++++++++++++++++++++ SWEDEN; USA [non]; YEMEN, some just QRM

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB
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More problems getting the British public to buy into this technology.
Latest is "Digital Radio UK to launch awareness campaign"

Details here
http://www.mediaweek.co.uk/news/1071881/Digital-Radio-UK-launch-awareness-campaign/
(The Emperor's Clothes - Mike) (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

WHAT IS NEW DIGITAL RADIO SWITCHOVER?
Technorati.com By Warner Carter May 26, 2011
http://technorati.com/technology/article/three-years-after-what-is-new

The digital radio switchover would not be easy, as people have spent their lives - even late teens and young adults - with the traditional analogue radio as a common appliance in their homes and the digital radio only as an optional luxury.

In addition, this complete switchover sounds perfect only for first-world countries that have sufficient resources to fund the costly move. Less fortunate countries, like Thailand, India, Mozambique, and others, seem to care less about the issue, for they know they will only end up inheriting the used analogue radios of other countries and serve as surplus distributors.

A Total Switch will kill industries:

Analogue radio stations are led by FM companies who operate and make income through advertising and paid promotions; such idea led experts to think that this drive is nothing but an "industry killer", rather than giving technological and lifestyle improvisation to people. Killing the radio industry is like pulling radio jocks, technicians, engineers, advertisers, and even blue-collar jobs like janitors, elevator operators, and the likes, out of their jobs. Yet in the event that a high need for "improvisation" arises, the government should be prepared to give these people an alternate work, not only "compensation jobs" but jobs that are related to their recent professional endeavors, or if not, to what is closely stated in their

CVs.

It's not just a Brit issue:

In 2009, the UK Government announced that all their national radio stations and local services would stop broadcasting on analogue by the end of 2015. Despite this announcement, the vast majority of radio-listening Brit communities continue to listen on analogue.

However, this issue transcended outside the UK through the online world, and affected other nations positively rather than having the expected alarm. Countries outside UK considered it as an opportunity to study the pros and cons of the issue and to prepare their nations for future dilemma as well.

In Asia, some small-scale radio stations have transferred and converted into digital platforms, for them to prepare and establish themselves 'til the arrival of the full digital boom. However, as of today, this issue remains untouched and not widely recognized as a big media treat.

In the UK, available digital formats like BBC6 and Planet rock are only a minute fraction of what the Brits enjoy on pure analogue. In addition, complaints do not only lie on station availability but with deeper technicalities as well; digital format has a poor in-car signal, and it's not as accessible as analogue frequencies.

Another matter circling this issue is the environmentalists' concern about the details of how the government will dispose the analogue radios if the complete turn-over happens (via Mike Terry, May 26, dxldyg via DXLD)

At the risk of sounding like an old codger (which I am rapidly beginning to resemble physically anyway), what we have now is working fine. Why do we need a system where the coverage is spottier, the reception more problematic and the technical quality of the audio often dodgy and hollow-sounding? And which few seem to understand. DAB, for these reasons and others, was an abject failure in Canada and it seems, were it not for the BBC embracing it and setting up DAB-exclusive channels with desirable content, it would be an abject failure in the UK as well. Here in the States, we have IBOC which -- again except for the public radio stations -- is an absolute waste when it comes to diversity of content and format experimentation. And few people I know think it worth the bother to buy a radio that is compatible with it. In fact, most complain that it mars or ruins AM (MW) analog reception (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DIGITAL RADIO: OPTING IN AND OUT ìDIFFICULT STARTî
Followthemedia.com Radio Page May 27, 2011
http://followthemedia.com/radiopage/radio27052011.htm

When the UK digital radio support group Digital Radio UK unleashed a second round of promotion, one of the countryís biggest broadcasters opted out. Global Radio, owner of national channel Classic FM and quasi-national Capital, decided that until a local DAB funding deal is struck it wouldnít be sharing in the promotion task. Most other major UK radio owners are happily participating.

Commercial broadcasters, the BBC and the UK government are scheduled to meet in June to hammer out details of who will pay for local DAB multiplexes. DAB listening in the UK continues to grow, albeit more slowly, according to the most recent RAJAR radio audience report.

The UK government has proposed shutting down most analogue (FM) broadcasting sometime after 2015 if both digital coverage and audience penetration thresholds are met.

In Switzerland, Z¸rich local commercial station Radio 24 will join the regional DAB+ multiplex system at the first of August. Basel-based independent digital broadcaster Open Broadcast dropped off the DAB+ multiplex serving the Swiss-German speak region last month for financial reasons. Swiss media regulator OFCOM changed rules last October to allow simulcasts of existing FM stations rather than wholly original programming, which attracted little broadcaster attention.

ìDigital radio in Europe had a difficult start,î said Radio 24 program director Karin M¸ller, quoted by Klein Report (May 26). ìAfter the initial euphoria of the late 1990s, development stalled. Itís always exciting to be with technological advances.î (JMH) (via Mike Terry, May 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also OKLAHOMA; USA: gh logs
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Comment on CONVERTER BOXES Thread

I picked up a Digital Stream DTV box for 7 bucks at the local Salvation Army store. It appears to have sharper composite video than the Zenith. Sensitivity is similar to the Zenith but neither are as good as a Vizio TV with built-in tuner. The Digital Stream program grid loads 12-24 hours of future events. There's no window timeout so you can leave the signal strength window up all day. The unit displays a signal strength bar and number, meter ballistics are a bit slow but useable for making antenna adjustments (Ed Thomas / wd8kct / North Canton, Ohio, May 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FCC FREEZES DTV CHANNEL SUBSTITUTION PETITIONS

The FCC is freezing DTV channel substitution petitions, effective immediately. The National Broadband Plan recommends that 120 MHz of spectrum be extracted from TV broadcast use (RF Channels 2-51) and repurposed for broadband use. The Commission is (in our opinion) likely to "repack" existing TV channel assignments in order to create contiguous spectrum blocks for broadband.

According to today's Public Notice, you can read more about the disappearance of 120 MHz, and the channel repacking scheme, in item 88 of the Broadband Plan. In Amateur Radio, "88" is an abbreviation for "love and kisses." So this is how it works: The Commission sends us their love as we kiss our high quality spectrum good-bye. It's as simple as that.

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-11-959A1.doc
or
http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-11-959A1.pdf

Must-read article by Harry Jessell -- "Broadcasting's future is all about mobile:" http://tinyurl.com/JessellMobile
(CGC Communicator May 31 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via dXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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CODAR Science Article

The eggheads behind the CODAR tropical band interference generators have published a cover story for the existence of the CODAR HF radars. I guess if it is on the internet, it must be true.

http://www.spacemart.com/reports/
West_Coast_Radar_Network_is_Worlds_Largest_999.html
(Joe Buch, FL USA, May 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CELL PHONE SCANNER APPS MAY VIOLATE LAWS OF ALL 50 STATES: Police, Prosecutors Making Cases --- Shortwave America Blog May 27, 2011

Even before most of us were born there has been something of a nervous reaction to someone in possession of a radio. There is just something about even your everyday AM/FM radio that causes people to question the ownership of such a device [really??? gh].

Since technology has developed over the decades, places like Radio Shack have sold wide range radio receivers that receive frequencies

from 30 kHz to 1300 MHz. Today, we have places such as AES, HRO, Scanner Master, Universal Radio, etc. where radio equipment and software can easily be bought for anyone's use.

Now, even though the United States Federal Communications Privacy Act makes it completely legal to purchase, own, and use a radio receiver that receives AM, FM, ELF (extremely low frequency). HF (high frequency), LF (low frequency), VHF, UHF, EHF and SHF frequencies that are NOT encrypted; the police and prosecutors in all 50 states are crying foul. FCC Opinion & Order PR91-36 exempts Licensed Amateur Radio Operators from local, state level, and federal level restrictions, however, police and prosecutors usually do not know about this piece of law.

The problem with the U.S. Communications Privacy Act is that it is not really clear as to whether or not it overrides or even enjoins the individual states from restricting the purchase, possession, or use of radio receivers of any sort.

In this day and age of advanced technology the definition of what constitutes a prohibited radio receiver under some state's laws has come under question and scrutiny. In the first link below, we find that police and prosecutors are now taking a hard nosed approach towards cell phones with installed software applications that link such phone to internet connected, streaming radio receivers that stream public safety radio traffic to the end user. . . [more]
http://shortwaveamerica.blogspot.com/2011/05/cell-phone-scanner-apps-may-violate.html
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

FEMA ADMINISTRATOR CALLS AMATEUR RADIO "THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE"
ARRL May 25, 2011
http://www.arrl.org/news/fema-administrator-calls-amateur-radio-the-last-line-of-defense

In an FCC forum on earthquake communications preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Craig Fugate described the Amateur Radio operator as "the ultimate backup, the originators of what we call social media." The forum -- held May 3 at FCC Headquarters in Washington, DC -- brought together officials from the White House, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the United States Geological Survey (USGS), FEMA, the FCC and the private sector. Fugate and FCC Bureau of Public Safety and Homeland Security Chief Jamie Barnett gave the opening remarks.

Later in the forum, Fugate spoke more on Amateur Radio. "During the initial communications out of Haiti, volunteers using assigned frequencies that they are allocated, their own equipment, their own

money, nobody pays them, were the first ones oftentimes getting word out in the critical first hours and first days as the rest of the systems came back up," he told the forum. "I think that there is a tendency because we have done so much to build infrastructure and resiliency in all our other systems, we have tended to dismiss that role 'When Everything Else Fails.' Amateur Radio oftentimes is our last line of defense."

Fugate said that he thinks "we get so sophisticated and we have gotten so used to the reliability and resilience in our wireless and wired and our broadcast industry and all of our public safety communications, that we can never fathom that they'll fail. They do. They have. They will. I think a strong Amateur Radio community [needs to be] plugged into these plans. Yes, most of the time they're going be bored, because a lot of the time, there's not a lot they're going to be doing that other people aren't doing with Twitter and Facebook and everything else. But when you need Amateur Radio, you really need them."

You can watch a video of the forum on YouTube
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzx-kvo1i_Y
Fugate's remarks begin at 18:55 (via Mike Terry, May 26, dxldyg via DXLD)

ATS-909X REVIEW

Hi,
http://www.mobile01.com/topicdetail.php?f=180&t=2183593&p=1#28294107

is SANGEAN new released ATS-909X review. This article is in Traditional Chinese; please read it via Google Translate. Hope to share this with SWL around the world. Thanks! (Miller Liu, in Taiwan, June 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Google Translate doesn't really help. It just changes it into Unwinese. Stanley himself couldn't have done it any better. DEEP FOLLY! Bilode! (Harry Brooks, North East England UK, ibid.)

Don't bother using an online translator. For Chinese they suck. You can also find a 10 minute video review of the ATS909X at http://www.pcjmedia.com and click on Receiver Reviews (Keith Perron, ibid.)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY
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GREENWICH "PIPS" GO MISSING
Daily Telegraph By Harry Wallop 31 May 2011

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/8548683/Radio-4s-pips-die.html

They are a sound so clear and regular they provide the heartbeat in many sitting rooms across the country: the pips that introduce nearly all Radio 4 news bulletins.

So, perhaps it was not surprising that when they went missing on Tuesday afternoon, consternation was caused not just in Broadcasting House but around Britain.

At the start of the (BBC Radio 4) PM programme, at 5 pm, the continuity announcer said: "Time for PM with Eddie Mair", only for five seconds of deafening of silence to follow. Mr Mair, clearly a little ruffled, then said: "It is five o'clock. Well, there were no pips in essence. We've been making checks. We've been told it is a computer error."

By seven o'clock the pips had "quite frankly given up the ghost", said the announcer, saying a "dignified silence" would have to suffice instead of the distinctive six beeps, the first five of which ring for a tenth of a second, the final one for half a second - a sound which has signalled the start of a new hour on the radio ever since they were introduced in 1924.

Wags took to the internet to warn of impending doom. "The pips have died. This is as serious as the ravens fleeing The Tower," said one listener. Another on Twitter said: "My condolences to the friends and family of @BBC_GTS [Greenwich Time Signal]. I recommend five seconds' silence."

Corrie Corfield, the Radio 4 news announcer, tweeted: "Been told the Pips are still missing. I'm setting my alarm for 1900 and then putting out an all points bulletin for their safe return."

During the Cold War it was believed that the commander of the British Polaris nuclear submarine was told to tune into Radio 4 every morning to ensure he could hear the broadcasts. If no Today programme, complete with pips, was heard, they were meant to go to the safe and open instructions, written from beyond the grave by the prime minister, and attack the enemy.

John-Paul Dunkley, a BBC broadcast engineer, was interviewed by Mr Mair about the absence of the pips. He said: "The box that creates the audio of the pips has died unfortunately in the basement of Broadcasting House. We do have a reserve but unfortunately that has not been picked up." "It could be a power supply problem, and we are still investigating".

The pips are timed relative to Coordinated Universal Time - an even more accurate measurement than Greenwich Mean Time, because it includes leap seconds - from an atomic clock in the basement of Broadcasting House.

Luckily, Mr Dunkley said, the bongs that greet the start of the six o'clock and midnight news bulletins, and are recorded from the Palace of Westminster's Big Ben, were unaffected. "That's simpler technology," he said (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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Geomagnetic Storm: May 28, 2011
Space Weather News for May 28, 2011 http://spaceweather.com

GEOMAGNETIC STORM: A solar wind stream hit Earth's magnetic field on May 27-28, sparking a moderate geomagnetic storm and auroras in both hemispheres. At the time this alert is being composed (1500 UT on May 28), naked-eye Southern Lights are dancing in the skies over Tasmania and New Zealand. If forecasts are correct, geomagnetic activity should remain at elevated levels for the next 24 to 48 hours. Visit http://spaceweather.com for updates and images of the ongoing storm.

SOLAR ACTIVITY INTENSIFIES: The recently-quiet sun is waking up. New sunspots are emerging across the solar disk, and at least one of them is crackling with C-class solar flares. Even stronger eruptions appear to be in the offing. If you would like alerts notifying you of solar flares and magnetic storms the instant they happen, please consider signing up for Space Weather Phone: http://spaceweatherphone.com (via Mark Coady, Ontario DX Association, NASWA yg via DXLD)

ENTRY INTERFACE COMING UP
Wed, 01 Jun 2011 06:53:11 AM GMT

Space shuttle Endeavour will encounter the first elements of Earth's atmosphere at about 2:03 a.m., a point known as Entry Interface. The shuttle encounters ever-thickening air during its return that causes heat to build up and plasma to form around the shuttle. The heat shield, with its familiar black tiles and gray reinforced carbon carbon nosecap and wing edges, protects the shuttle during entry. Endeavour will begin about 10 minutes of maximum heating at 2:12 a.m. Endeavour's three auxiliary power units are on now to provide the hydraulic energy to physically move the shuttle's aerodynamic surfaces during the glide to the runway (NASA via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Altho they are all wrapped up with the effect on the SS, this Entry Interface period is also when the ionosphere is being disturbed by the

re-entry, and consequently setting off the abnormal daytime propagation we observed before, hypothetically. But this time it was at night, so no-go. One more chance this summer (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity was predominantly quiet during 23 - 26 May. Activity increased to quiet to unsettled levels, with active periods at high latitudes, on 27 May. Activity increased to quiet to severe levels during 28-29 May. A co-rotating interaction region, in advance of a coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS), occurred during 27- 29 May. A CME was was observed to interact with the field during 28-29 May.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 01 JUNE - 27 JUNE 2011

Solar activity is expected to be low with a chance for M-class flares through 9 June. Activity is expected to decrease to very low to low levels during 10 - 14 June. Activity is expected to increase to low with a chance for M-class flares. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at high levels through 5 June. Normal levels are expected during 9 - 27 June.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels, with active levels at high latitudes during 1 - 5 June, due to an expected CME and a recurrent CH HSS. Activity is expected to decrease to predominantly quiet levels during 6 - 10 June. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels, with isolated active levels at high latitudes during 11-13 June, due to an expected CH HSS. Quiet to unsettled levels are expected during 14-22 June. Quiet to unsettled levels, with isolated active levels are expected during 23 - 25 June due to a recurrent CH HSS. Actitvity is expected to decrease to mostly quiet during 26 - 27 June.

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http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
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2011 Jun 03	115	8	3

2011 Jun 04	110	8	3
2011 Jun 05	110	7	2
2011 Jun 06	105	5	2
2011 Jun 07	105	5	2
2011 Jun 08	100	5	2
2011 Jun 09	90	5	2
2011 Jun 10	90	5	2
2011 Jun 11	85	12	4
2011 Jun 12	90	12	4
2011 Jun 13	90	10	3
2011 Jun 14	90	5	2
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2011 Jun 19	100	5	2
2011 Jun 20	105	5	2
2011 Jun 21	105	5	2
2011 Jun 22	110	4	2
2011 Jun 23	110	12	4
2011 Jun 24	115	15	4
2011 Jun 25	115	10	3
2011 Jun 26	115	5	2
2011 Jun 27	115	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1567, DXLD) ####